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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Issue Joined

ALTHOUGH Senator McCarthy vehemently denies that he is challenging President Eisenhower for leadership of the Republican Party, the effect of his recent public utterances, and in particular his television broadcast, is to place him in a position of wide and nearly implacable opposition to the President. And the impression he has left is that he is ready to go to any attainable lengths—even that of trying to discredit Mr. Eisenhower in the eyes of the country—in order to dominate the whole Republican Party's approach to the 1954 Congressional campaign and to make himself the central issue. To some his TV speech might be considered a thinly concealed attack against the President, but it must not be assumed that Mr. McCarthy does anything casually, or does not know what he is up to. True, the Senator used his harshest words against Mr. Truman, but he planted as many visible accusations and innuendoes against President Eisenhower as he did against Mr. Truman—and carefully left them there in the expectation that they would grow in the public mind. On several matters Senator McCarthy has set himself in pointed opposition to Mr. Eisenhower and has invited the people to write to the White House supporting his views.

THE most significant subject over which McCarthy and Eisenhower are publicly in disagreement is that of making Communists in government a major issue in next year's Congressional election. President Eisenhower has said that the Republican party should not make this a plank in the Party's platform since by next year it would be usefully forgotten because his own Administration would be doing such a good job. Senator McCarthy has retorted that if he can have his way he will make this very subject the all-pervading issue of the election. This is a most direct challenge and whether or not the President wishes it, the issue is joined between himself and Senator McCarthy. It would seem inescapable that before long the people of the United States will have to decide whether to place greater trust in McCarthy or whether to place greater trust in the purposes and wisdom of President Eisenhower.

BIG 3 DISCUSS FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS TODAY

M. Laniel's Condition

Hamilton, Dec. 6. The following bulletin was issued here tonight on the condition of the French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, who was unable to attend yesterday's and today's sessions of the Big Three leaders owing to illness:

"M. Laniel has had a chill. This has been associated with a high temperature and infection at the base of one lung. The temperature has fallen but the sign in the chest has not yet cleared. His present condition is satisfactory."

The bulletin was signed by Lord Moran, who is Sir Winston Churchill's personal physician, and by Dr. R. C. Curtis. — Reuter.

Parachutists Prepare To Meet Attack

Hanoi, Dec. 6. French Union parachutists holding the important mountain and valley stronghold of Dien Bien Phu, on the Tonkin-Laos border, were today digging in ready for a Vietnamese attack expected this week.

The parachutists captured the stronghold two weeks ago. A French High Command said in Hanoi today that a 12,000-strong Vietnamese division had reached the area of Sonia, east of Dien Bien Phu, after a three-week march from the rim of the Red River delta.

A spearhead of the division was believed to be less than 30 miles from the stronghold. The spokesman said the rebel divisions' advance had been slowed by heavy bombing attacks by French Air Force planes.

The Communists were believed here to be determined to re-establish their prestige with the Thai people, who live in this district, as they were reported recently to be trying to create racial consciousness among the Thais of Indo-China, Burma and Thailand (Siam).

The Vietnamese defeat at Dien Bien Phu two weeks ago has been followed by rapid mopping up operations by French forces in the Thai country of Northern Laos. — Reuter.

All Set For Talks With Russia

HAMILTON, BERMUDA, DEC. 7. THE WESTERN BIG THREE WILL TODAY (MONDAY) DISCUSS FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS. AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE SAID HERE LAST NIGHT.

The communique, issued after last night's talks between President Eisenhower, Sir Winston Churchill and M. Georges Bidault, sitting in for M. Joseph Laniel—who has a chill—said discussion on European questions was continued.

M. Bidault explained "the French position in the European Defence Community."

It was announced also that President Eisenhower will address the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday on "the perils confronting the world in this atomic age." He will fly to New York earlier the same day. This address will not be a report on the Bermuda conference, the official spokesman said.

The spokesman said Sir Winston Churchill and M. Laniel have approved the text of the address, which Lord Cherwell and Admiral Lewis Strauss, the British and American atomic experts, have spent the past three days preparing.

Today the Big Three will have two meetings, one in the morning and the final session of the conference in the afternoon. The Foreign Ministers will also meet in the afternoon.

Mr. Anthony Eden, who presided at two meetings of the Foreign Ministers yesterday, reported to the Big Three session last night at Mr. Eisenhower's request.

The heads of government conferred for about two and a half hours, ending their session at 11.30 GMT.

At the briefing later, correspondents pressed the delegation spokesman for an explanation of why Mr. Eisenhower came to show the text of his United Nations address to the other delegation heads.

Mr. Eisenhower "wanted Sir Winston Churchill and M. Laniel to know what he is going to say out of courtesy," the American spokesman said. "He felt they should know about his speech as he is going to the United Nations straight from Bermuda."

He added: "He will speak as the American President and not as a spokesman for the three heads of government."

The French spokesman said: "M. Bidault said 'it is a pretty good speech'—and that's all."

READY FOR TALKS

After the Foreign Ministers' first meeting yesterday, a spokesman said the Big Three were all set for talks with Russia—subject only to any minor comments from the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

It was learned here that this trans-ocean consultation with the West German leader was routine. Much of the ground-work on the Western note agreeing to Big Four talks early next year—probably in Berlin—was done before the Bermuda talks began.

Dr. Adenauer's observations will come direct to the Foreign Ministers, who have been given authority by their chiefs to clinch the deal.

A delegation source said they hoped to have Dr. Adenauer's comments in time to despatch the note to Moscow today.

Elaborating last night on Mr. Eisenhower's United Nations speech, the American delegation spokesman said the President had been urged "for some months" to address the world organization.

The latest request came from Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General.

"I assume the President chose his own subject," the spokesman added.

MINISTERS MEET

The spokesman said that the Foreign Ministers, Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. John Foster Dulles and M. Georges Bidault, met this afternoon for 45 minutes and the Big Three, President Eisenhower, Sir Winston Churchill and M. Bidault, sitting in for M. Laniel, met for two hours.

Mr. Eden, who was chairman at the Foreign Ministers' session, reported on the Ministers' discussion at the request of President Eisenhower.

The Big Three met at 2.30 p.m. GMT tomorrow, the Foreign Ministers in the afternoon followed by the Big Three "sometime later in the afternoon," the spokesman added. — Reuter.

HULL PRISON RIOT

Hull, Dec. 6. Eight prison officers were injured in a riot at a reformatory here following an attempt at a mass breakout. It was revealed today.

Officials refused to give details of the disturbance, but according to reports one officer had to have two stitches taken in his face.

The riot reportedly came after extra officers were brought in to watch inmates suspected of planning a general escape. A report on the incident last Monday was sent to the Home Office. — United Press.

British Troops Take Action

Cairo, Dec. 6. The Governor of the Egyptian Province of Sharika adjoining the Suez Canal zone reported tonight that British armoured cars today surrounded a village in the province and British troops fired "several hundred" rounds at the village.

The Egyptian Provincial Governor in his report to the Ministry of the Interior here said the Egyptian police and gendarmes were called out to defend the population of the village.

He added that British troops withdrew several hours later and no casualties were reported.

The Governor also reported that one Egyptian was killed in an incident with British forces in the same area yesterday. — Reuter.

Chou En-Lai Lashes Out At US

Attacks Atrocities Resolution

Tokyo, Dec. 7. Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai condemned last week's United Nations General Assembly resolution against war atrocities as "slandering the Korean-Chinese forces."

Premier Chou called the resolution "illegal" and said in a 2,000-word Radio Peking statement that it was submitted to the UN by the United States "and four of its satellite countries."

He accused America of stalling off the Korean peace conference "to maintain tension in the Far East and Asia."

The Communist Chinese leader complained bitterly that the UN has not recognised Communist China, continuing "to ignore the existence" of his government.

He also charged the US with fostering the cold war in Asia and with violating the rules of humane warfare during the Korean fighting.

"SHAMEFUL PAGE" Chou said the adoption of the resolution "marks another shameful page in the history of the United Nations."

He added that the resolution "is clearly illegal, calumnious and invalid."

The Red Premier said that Allied war prisoners will testify to the "lenient policy" followed by Communist guards in North Korean POW camps, and accused the U.S. in a lengthy denunciation of waging inhuman warfare.

Chou's statement said the Chinese and North Korean "protective care of the people and their lenient treatment of prisoners of war has long been common knowledge among the people of the whole world."

"Many of the directly repatriated prisoners of war have borne testimony both by their good health and their words of gratitude to the fact that the lenient treatment accorded the United Nations POWs by the (Comm. on Back Page, Col. 3)

Queen Attends Divine Service

Aboard the Gothic, Dec. 6. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh today attended morning service aboard the Gothic.

The service, which was held on the forward games deck under an awning was conducted by the Captain of the Gothic, Captain David Atchison, and the Lesson read by the Flag Officer Royal Yacht, Vice Admiral E.M.C. Abel Smith.

The hot South Pacific day provided a perfect setting for the service.

The sun shone on the bright blue waters and shoals of flying fish played round the bows of the Gothic. — Reuter.



Murder At Benfleet



Kelly Changes His Mind

Belfast, Dec. 6. William Kelly, 32-year-old member of the Northern Ireland Parliament, who was gaoled for 12 months last Friday for sedition, is not sitting naked in his cell as he vowed—he would before he was sentenced.

Kelly is wearing prison clothes and is being treated like any ordinary prisoner, a prison official said today.

In court Kelly shouted: "I will never submit to wearing prison garb. You may hold me in your gaols but you will hold me naked."

Kelly seems to have changed his mind about what he will "wear" in prison as a result of an appeal from some of his former followers, who have formed a new Republican party named Flannia Uladh—the Ulster Party.

A leader said: "Kelly means a tremendous lot to us and that is why in the interests of health we have asked him to wear prison clothes."

The new party was formed by 500 followers of Kelly and is in opposition to the Anti-partition League, the body representing orthodox nationalist opinion.

The new party advocates more militant action to restore the unity of Ireland and a boycott of both the Northern Ireland and British Parliaments. — China Mail Special.

Troops Start Withdrawing

Udine, Dec. 6. Italian troops were tonight withdrawing to their normal positions after 50 days at emergency stations on the Italo-Yugoslav frontier.

The withdrawal, involving crack Alpine divisions, armoured regiments and infantry, is expected to take a fortnight.

It follows conversations in Rome yesterday between the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Giuseppe Pella, and the Yugoslav Minister in Rome, Pavel Gregoric, in which they decided to normalise the frontier position between the two countries "in a very short time."

The Italian Government pushed troops to the frontier last September. In the belief that Yugoslav troops were about to annex part of zone "A."

Italian reports said there were 80,000 Yugoslav troops massed along the frontier. — Reuter.

Truck Crash: 24 Killed

Tehran, Dec. 6. A total of 24 rural workers were killed today when a truck in which they were travelling to Meher crashed into a ditch. — France Press.

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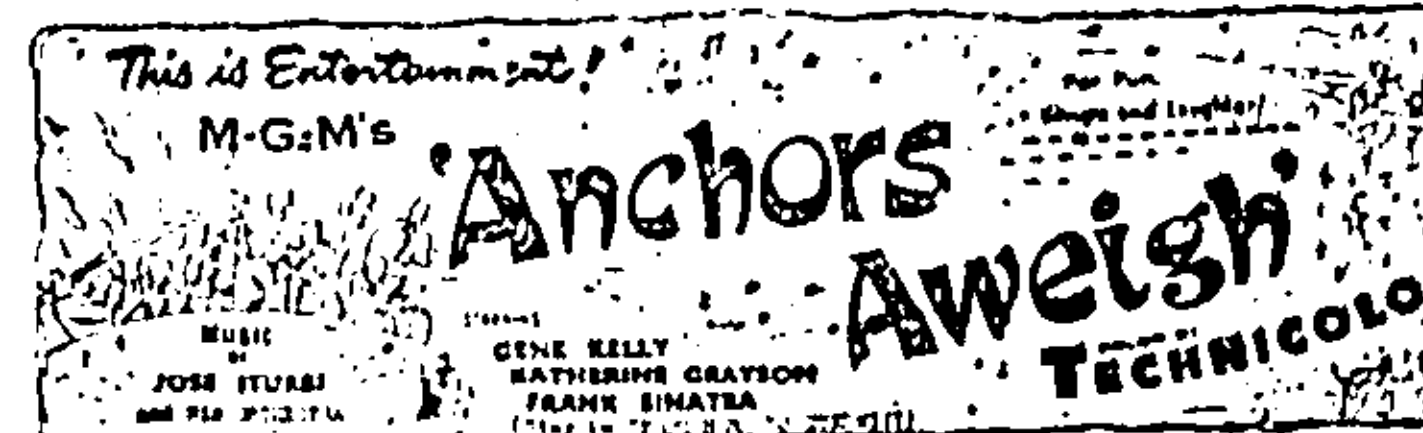
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Bee Book For Hillary

Oslo, Dec. 6.
Norwegian beekeepers
today presented Sir
Edmund Hillary, the con-
queror of Mount Everest,
with a book on Norwegian
beekeeping methods and
three pots of honey. One
pot of honey came from
hives beyond the Arctic
Circle.
Sir Edmund is a
beekeeper by profession in
his native New Zealand.
He later left for Stock-
holm.—France-Press.

POPE CALLS FOR HOUSING SOLUTION

Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Dec. 6.
Pope Pius XII has called upon
a group of councillors of the
Roman Institute of Popular
Priced Dwellings to seek a solu-
tion of the housing problem for
the poor many of whom, he
said, are still living in caves,
huts and caverns.

The Pope said that homes are
"necessary for the spiritual,
moral, juridical and economic
unity of the family."

"While it is up to you," the
Pontiff said, "to battle usury on
land and financial speculation of
any kind on property, it is up to
the public authorities to seek
solutions and to protect public
interests in a manner which
must have method and be
energetic at the same time."

After saying that numerous
people are attracted from the
country-side by "the bright city
lights," Pius said:

"You must do your utmost to
seek a solution for the poor still
living in huts, caves and
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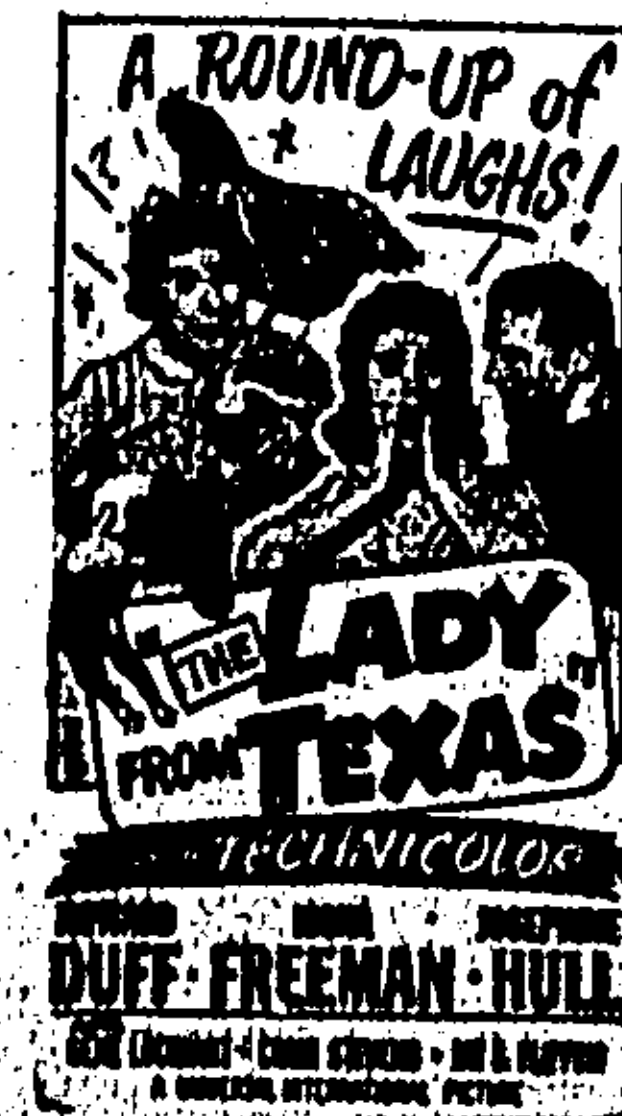


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America-Pakistan Military Alliance Not Yet Finalised

Karachi, Dec. 6.
Informed and highly placed American sources said today, as U.S. Vice-President Richard Nixon landed here for a three-day visit, that no final decision has been made regarding a military alliance between the United States and Pakistan.

Mr Nixon arrived here to find himself the centre of growing speculation over the military deal. He refused any sort of comment, but it was reported he is expected to discuss such a military pact with the highest Pakistani officials.

Mr Nixon was not expected to make a report or recommendation to Washington until after hearing Pakistani views.

During his just-completed tour of India, he got an earful of Indian objections to such a pact. It was said to be a growing Indian suspicion that his visit here was directly linked with an alliance.

Pakistan, in turn, has received a note from the Soviet Union asking for clarification of reports that U.S. air bases would be established in Pakistan and stating that such a move would have "a direct bearing on the security of the Soviet Union."

Premier Mohammed Ali re-
buffed the Russian note in a
broader context to his countrymen in
which he said that Pakistan
would brook no interference in
its foreign policy by "any
power, however strong."

INFORMED SOURCES

Some informed sources here
felt that India's objection,
however, may swing a good
deal of weight in the final
Washington decision.

These sources felt that
published reports of an im-
minent alliance were premature
although they admitted the
ultimate possibility of such an
alliance.

American diplomatic circles
here and elsewhere in Asia feel
that such a pact must have the
most thorough consideration
because it will have heavy im-
plications for the entire American
policy in Asia.

Although Mr Nixon said
nothing about the alliance,
observers recalled he said
pointedly on his departure from
New Delhi that no U.S. military
aid would be used to promote
an effort to ally Indian fears
of Pakistani action if the deal
goes through.

MEET PREMIER

During his three-day stay, Mr
Nixon will meet Premier
Mohammed Ali both privately
and at formal receptions. He
will also have frequent op-
portunity to obtain the views
of Govt. Ministers. General
Ghulam Mohammed, who recent-
ly made an unofficial visit to
the United States, and other
Pakistani officials.

Pakistani officials are certain
to point out to President Elsen-
hower's personal envoy the
significance of Pakistan's strate-
gic position in the defence of
the free world, informed sources
said.

Premier Ali is believed likely
to reassure Mr Nixon that his
government is inwardly as
strong in its determination to
reject Soviet pressure as it has
been in its outward protesta-
tions.—United Press.

Atom Victim Marries

Moreton in the Marsh,
West England Dec. 6.
A pretty Japanese girl who
was in Hiroshima when the
atom bomb fell on August 9,
1945, was married yesterday in
this sleepy village amid "the
Cotswold Hills."

She was Miss June Agnes
Iose, who flew to England in
July to marry ex-Sergeant
Allan Kline. He first met her
while serving in the British
Army in Japan and after re-
turning home in 1951 wrote to
her asking her to marry him.
Miss Iose was leaving the
main railway station of
Hiroshima when the atom bomb
fell and spent weeks recovering
from "atomic disease." But she
is none the worse for it today.
Her face was radiant as she
signed the register.—China Mail
Special.

United States To Build New Jap Air Force

New Orleans, Louisiana, Dec. 6.
Air Secretary Harold Talbott said here today,
the seventh anniversary of the Japanese raid on
Pearl Harbour, that America proposed eventually
to help Japan build an air force.

Australia's Golden Oil Future

Perth, W. Aust. Dec. 7.
Areas around this city are
looking to a golden future after
the oil strike at Rough Range,
Exmouth Gulf, 700 miles north
from here, last week.

Properly values have soared
and the value of residential
areas around Perth has risen
steeply.

Reports received today from
Exmouth Gulf said crude oil
shot 80 feet into the air from
an oil well at Rough Range
when the drill pipe was being
pulled out after tests.

A 154-foot-high drilling rig
tower was spattered by the
sudden geyser and still shows
black oil marks, the report
said.

After another test, when drill
pipes were being dismantled,
drillers were ankle deep in
crude oil as it flowed over the
rig platform.

AMERICANS EXCITED
The strike excited even
veteran American drillers, who
are now working round the
clock to get the drill biting
deeper.

In Canberra Dr H. G. Raggatt,
Secretary of the Department of
National Development, said to-
day the Bureau of Mineral Re-
sources would press on im-
mediately with oil testing opera-
tions in other parts of Western
Australia.

Dr Raggatt, who is one of the
persons mainly responsible for
locating the oil drilling site at
Exmouth Gulf, said the Bureau
was working to a five-year oil
search programme.

He predicted that much more
oil would eventually be obtained
in New Guinea than in Western
Australia.

Oil gas and oil seepages have
already been found over wide-
spread areas of New Guinea, Dr
Raggatt said.—China Mail
Special.

Duke Leaves

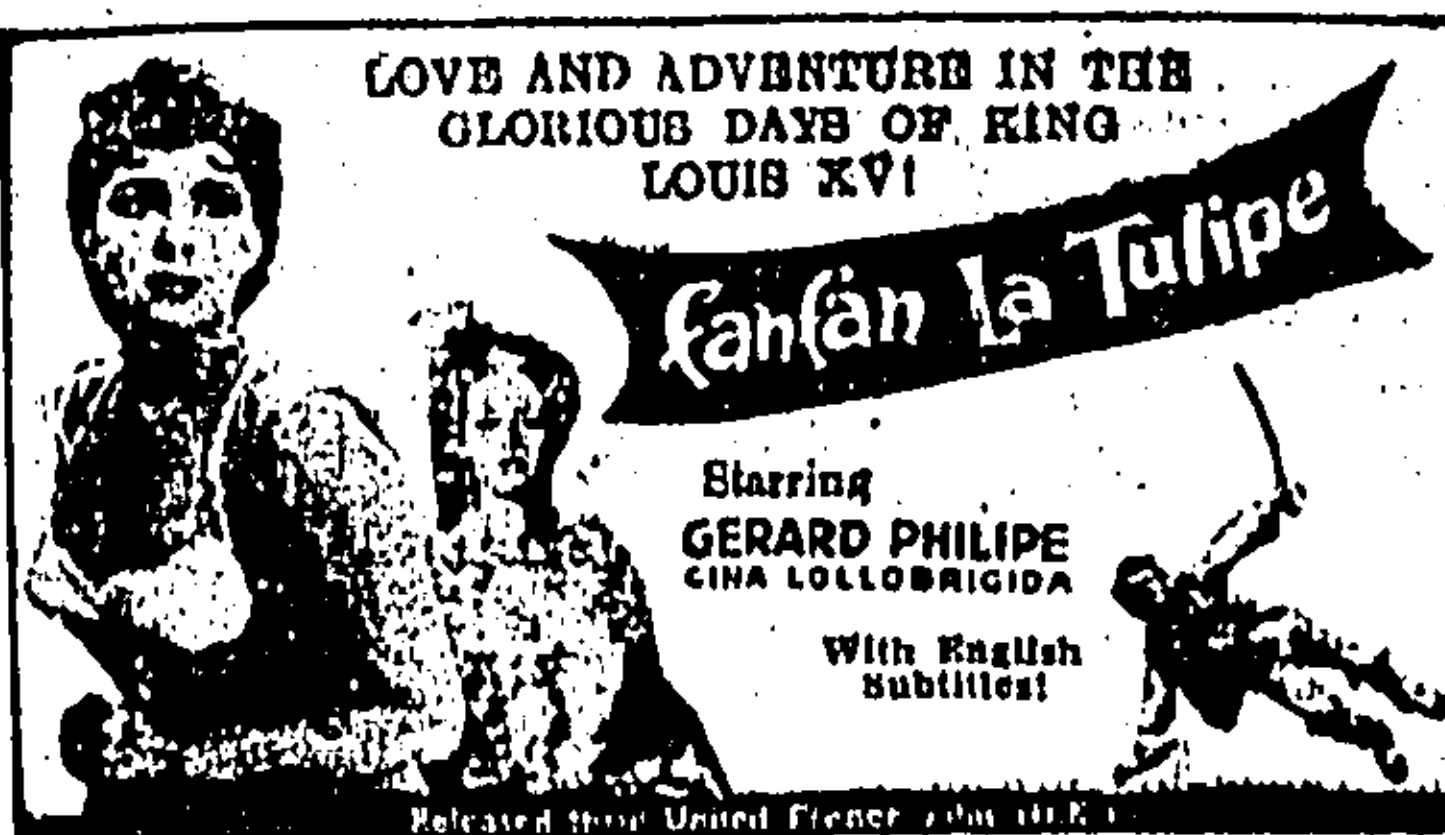
London, Dec. 6.
The Duke and Duchess of
Windsor left here by the cross
channel boat for Paris tonight
after a brief visit to Britain.

During his stay the Duke
called on the Premier, Sir Win-
ston Churchill, and also spent a
few days at Frogmore House,
Windsor, which belongs to the
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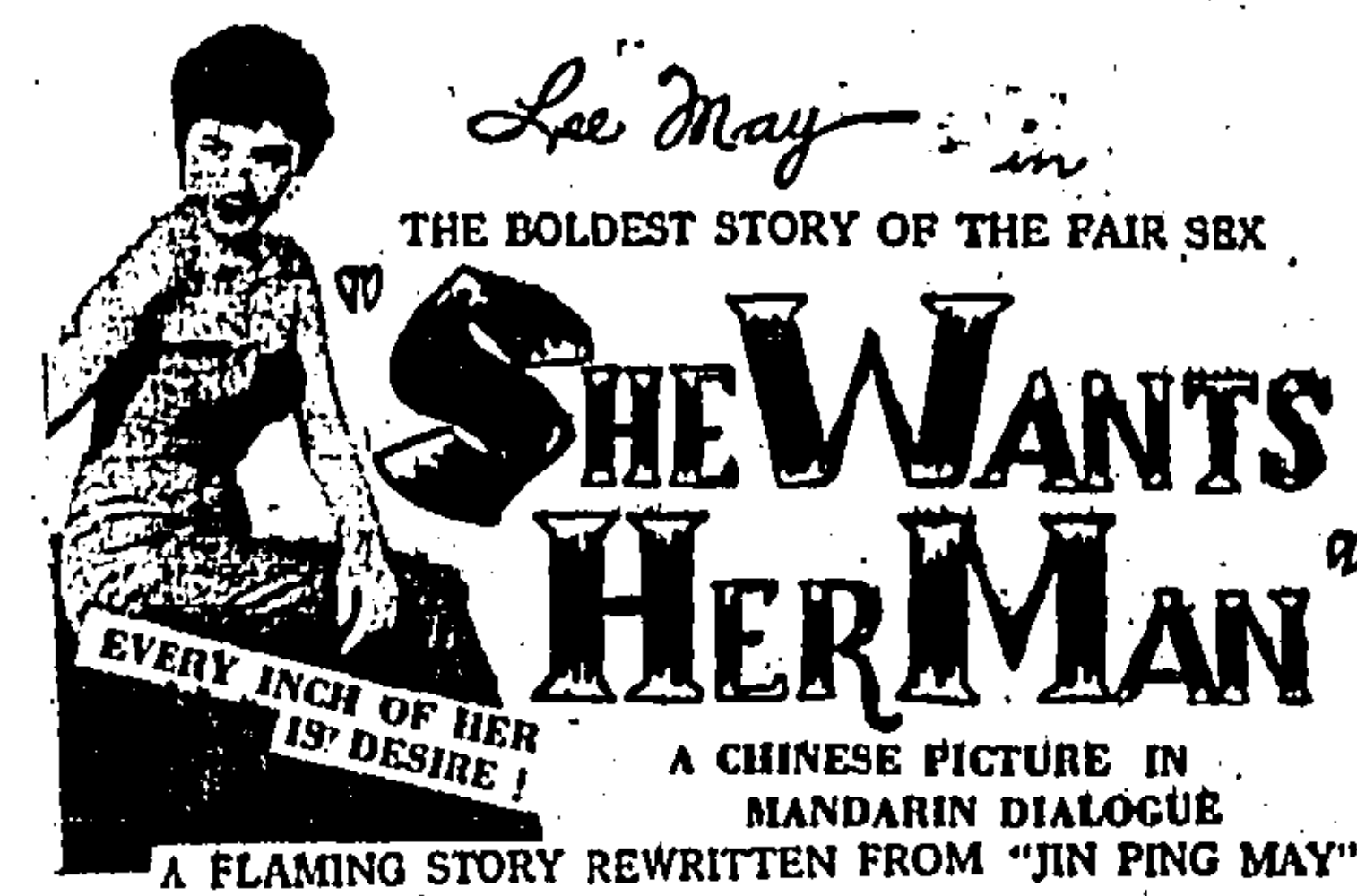
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Sentiment Running In Favour Of Senator McCarthy

Washington, Dec. 6. Sentiment is running slightly better than two to one in favour of Senator Joseph McCarthy on the basis of telegrams sent to the White House in response to the Senator's appeal for public support for his "get tough with our Allies" demands.

Latest information from the White House disclosed that so far 4,346 telegrams and 1,500 letters have been received dealing with the Senator's demand that the administration should cut off aid to Allies of the United States which trade with Communist China. Another 3,500 telegrams have piled up at the local cable office.

White House officials said 2,992 of the telegrams support Senator McCarthy and the rest oppose them. Opinions expressed by letter have not yet been classified.

Senator McCarthy hotly contested the White House figures and said that by late yesterday morning, 6,427 telegrams had been delivered and another 4,000 to 5,000 were awaiting delivery. He did not say where he got his information.

Senator McCarthy urged his supporters to write or wire the White House after the President and the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, had criticized him for demanding no more aid to Britain or any other Ally—that traded with Communist China.

Observers believe the Senator is prepared for a "bare knuckle" fight with Republican leaders on the issue, though the President is hoping to avoid a direct clash in the interests of party unity.

Opinion in the United States press this weekend was divided. Editorial comment included:

INDEPENDENT NYASALAND ENQUIRY

London, Dec. 6. A request for an independent commission of enquiry to enquire into the disturbances in Nyasaland in August and September this year has been made by the Executive Committee of the African Bureau to the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, it was announced here on Sunday night.

The request said that the report of the commission of enquiry "deals only with two incidents at Lilongwe and Cholo which were within its terms of reference. It made no reference to the subsequent disturbances that resulted in 11 Africans being killed and many injured and arrested."

It was said that the report refers in passing to the background to the disturbances, but added, "So far as the serious disturbances that occurred in the southern province of Nyasaland are concerned, no attempt has been made to order an independent enquiry although almost three months have elapsed."

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Extend (6).
 - Stop (5).
 - Comptroller (5).
 - Wicked (6).
 - Heaps (6).
 - Witchcraft (6).
 - Tealies (4).
 - Cultivator (6).
 - Quiet (6).
 - Girl (6).
 - View (5).
 - Grandeur (4).
 - Dance (5).
 - Purpose (6).
 - Cruel (6).
 - Allude to (5).
 - Wide (5).
 - Drains (6).

- DOWN
- Mistrusts (8).
 - Traitor (6).
 - Kind of Lily (4).
 - Swells (7).
 - Splendid (7).
 - Bring to (6).
 - Bombard (6).
 - "Soft" drink (8).
 - Put down (8).
 - Daubed (7).
 - Removes from office (7).
 - Kind of rabbit (6).
 - Transparent (5).
 - Trim (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Rascal, 5. Allot, 8. Real, 9. Mutton, 11. Lines, 12. Smile, 14. Wild, 16. Eager, 18. Child, 19. Tally, 20. Titter, 21. Alone, 22. Airing, 23. Rice, 27. Sheep, 28. Trips, 29. Down: 1. Romp, 2. Note, 3. Iron, 4. Denial, 6. Alleged, 10. Linage, 7. Tenders, 10. Trepid, 13. Sprung, 14. Winsome, 15. Lecturer, 17. Alter, 18. Intact, 21. Tier, 22. Slip, 23. Act.

SOUTH TYROL SMOULDERING

Austria Again Renews Her Old Demands

FEELING MAY POSSIBLY RUN HIGH WITH ITALY

Vienna, Dec. 6.

The long silent "volcano" of the South Tyrol, potential source of trouble between Italy and Austria, has begun to rumble and to smoke again and before long, unless care is taken, it will once again be in full eruption.

Austria has never renounced her claims on the South Tyrol, that mountainous land of the southern Alps which juts down into Italy and which, although acknowledged to have had a population 97 per cent Austrian (German speaking) in 1910, was handed over, against its will, to Italy after World War I.

Now the question of its return to Austria, or at least of its right to self-government as a neutral "free state" has begun to be raised again.

It was the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Koca Popovitch, who, whether deliberately or unwittingly it is not known, started the dispute again.

When asked by an Italian journalist why Yugoslavia would not agree to a plebiscite on the Trieste question, at a press conference during his State visit to Austria a few weeks ago, M. Popovitch said: "If Italy thinks that a plebiscite is such a good means for settling territorial disputes like that in Trieste, why does she not allow it also in the South Tyrol?"

This set off a whole series of demands on Austria for the reopening of the South Tyrol question before it is too late. The Catholic newspaper "Suedost-Tagpost" in Graz, Styria, asked in banner headlines: "What are we going to do for the South Tyrol?"

It wanted to know whether Austria is still capable of taking great decisions or "are we going to wait and see how the last Austrian dies in the South Tyrol?"

URGENCY

"Courageous political decisions and visible readiness to act to do something for the South Tyrol, are indispensable," the article concluded. "Something must be done urgently, otherwise the cold-blooded Italian policy of 'Italianisation' will soon reach a stage where Italy can offer a plebiscite, well knowing that the majority will vote for Italy."

This was followed by a speech made to the cheering members of the Tyrol Provincial Government in Innsbruck by the newly re-elected Provincial Governor, Herr Alois Grauss.

Herr Grauss said: "The South Tyrol did not join Italy by its own free will but as a result of power politics. Two peace treaties have ignored the rights of the South Tyrol—contrary to natural law, Wilson's Fourteen Points and the Atlantic Charter."

"While it is Austria's sincere desire to maintain good relations with her great southern neighbour, her national duty to assist the South Tyroleans in the struggle for their rights ranks still higher."

"What Signor Pella, the Italian Prime Minister, considers right for Trieste should also be right for South Tyrol," Herr Grauss declared amid prolonged cheers.

STUDENTS MEET

That same evening in the great central square of Innsbruck in front of the Golden Badger Hotel, a group of students carrying blazing torches and two brass bands wearing national costume and playing Tyrolean songs quickly gathered several thousand demonstrators. Grauss' banners demanded: "South Tyrol for the South Tyroleans" and "what is right for Trieste is right for South Tyrol."

Professor Eduard Reutlinger, of Innsbruck University, demanded in strong terms the "nationalisation" of the South Tyrol. The right wing "Independenz" demanded on November 28 again pleaded in the strongest terms for the right of the South Tyrol to self-determination. It urged that the South Tyrol should be allowed to return and rejoin North Tyrol or, failing that, be given the right to form a "neutral free state."

The newspaper emphasized that the Paris Peace Treaty which ended World War I had promised that peoples should be consulted before being put under the yoke of foreign rulers. "But in the case of the South Tyrol this had not been done."

Instead, the newspaper claimed, the Italians had followed a deliberate and scientific policy of "denationalisation." As a result, the Italian proportion of the population of the South Tyrol had grown rapidly.

Whereas in 1910 there had been only 7,000 Italians in the province, by the census of 1939 the figure had risen to 16,000. It was pointed out that the occupation there were 60,000.

Egyptian Village Wired Off

Cairo, Dec. 6.

Egypt has protested to Britain over the wiring off by British military authorities of an Egyptian trading village at Fayid, in the Suez Canal zone, it was learned here tonight.

The village was wired off last week because Egyptian police protection had "slumped badly" in recent weeks, a British Embassy military spokesman said here last Friday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Zakaria Mohieddin, Minister of the Interior, said he had sent the Egyptian Foreign Ministry a long list of "acts of aggression" by British forces for necessary action at diplomatic level.—Reuter.

Important Communist Events

Paris, Dec. 6.

A Moscow Radio political commentator, Vladimir Kuznetsov, today listed the Soviet note of November 26 and the interview granted by Vladimir leader Ho Chi-minh to the Swedish newspaper Expressen last Sunday as the "two most important events of the week."

The first was, the commentator said, because it "reaffirmed the Soviet Union's wish to settle outstanding international problems by peaceful negotiations," and the second because it indicates that "it is possible to bring the Indo-China war to an end."

He went on: "Nevertheless no problem in Asia can be settled without the participation of the peoples of China and other Asian countries concerned." He added that "it would be as ridiculous to keep China out of an Asian settlement as to try solving European problems with Britain, France or any other great European power." He strongly criticised the United States for refusing to discuss outstanding problems with Communist China.—France-Press.

4-Power Talks

Berlin, Dec. 6.

The Western agreement to a four-power conference is a victory for the cause of peace and defeat for the supporters of the European defence treaty, the foreign affairs commentator of the Soviet zone radio, Deutschlandsender said today.

"Despite Adenauer's insistence, the commentator went on, 'the statement meeting in Bern' was very quickly realised that it was impossible to reject the proposal to meet in Berlin."

The commentator concluded: "Now some other policy than that of the cold war must be found. There must be a wish to negotiate to draw up a new constructive programme for Europe and to prevent the re-militarisation of Western Germany."—France-Press.

Twin Has Another Good Day

London, Dec. 6.

Wariboko, the four-month-old survivor of Siamese twins from Nigeria separated by an operation here last week, had "another good day," the hospital said this evening.

The bulletin added: "Every day that goes well increases his chance of successful convalescence."

An earlier bulletin said: "Everyone is well pleased with Wariboko's progress and she is sleeping soundly between feeds."

The baby was removed over the weekend from its operation to a different hospital.

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Queen In Bermuda



H. M. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh followed by the Governor, Sir Alexander Hood, leaving the Parliament Building in Bermuda. The Queen is wearing a silk dress patterned with fern leaves and a tiny feather hat. The Duke is in white tropical naval uniform. The Queen and the Duke are now on their way to New Zealand and Australia on board the liner Gothic.—Express Photo.

Italian Cabinet Meeting Over Strike Threat

Rome, Dec. 7.

The Italian Cabinet is meeting today to deal with a strike threat which may mean Italy's biggest labour stoppage for the past three years.

The strong Communist-led General Confederation of Labour has called on one million Government employees ranging from tax collectors to tobacco workers and including about 150,000 railwaymen, about 100,000 postal telegraph and telephone workers and 300,000 municipal employees to stage a 24-hour strike next Friday.

Communist and Christian Democrat labour leaders have called on six million Italian industrial workers to strike for 24 hours on December 15. This strike was described as a warning to be followed by an all-out industrial offensive if the industrialists do not grant their wage demands.

Christian Democrat leaders have not yet decided to support the strike call to state workers preferring to await the outcome of today's Cabinet meeting before making up their minds.

The Christian Democrat railwaymen's union has decided to join the strike in any case. This is expected to mean an almost complete 24-hour stoppage of the nation's railways. The post office workers are also expected to join in.

It has been thought unlikely here that the Government will find any means of warding off the industrial strike climax to a month's official mediation which has ended in failure.

But some gesture in favour of the state employees was expected from today's Cabinet meeting. One point at issue in addition to wage demands is a Government bill to ban strikers by state employees which is now before Parliament.

Government spokesmen have claimed that were the Communist demands on behalf of state and municipal employees met, it would cost the country 200,000,000 lire (about £115,000,000) a year, nearly a tenth of the country's budget.

Over the weekend bitterly opposed Communist and anti-Communist labour leaders have been working out details of an uneasy alliance against the Government and the industrialists. This rare degree of collaboration between the two branches of Italian labour has been the main feature in the recent campaign.

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North Atlantic Fish Rights

London, Dec. 6.

A five-man delegation from Denmark and the Faroe Islands arrived here today for talks with the British Government on settlement of fishery rights around the Faroes, North Atlantic islands between Iceland and the Shetlands.

Britain suggested the talks—opening at the Foreign Office tomorrow—after Denmark put forward proposals earlier this year for extending territorial waters around the islands.

An Anglo-Danish convention of 1901, among other things, defined the Faroes, fishing limits.

The Hague International Court last year upheld Norway's claim that her international waters should extend four miles from the line drawn beyond cape, thus enclosing all Fjords.

Iceland also adopted these limits, leading to the current dispute between Icelandic and British trawlers.—China Mail Special.

Trade Agreement Lauded

London, Dec. 6.

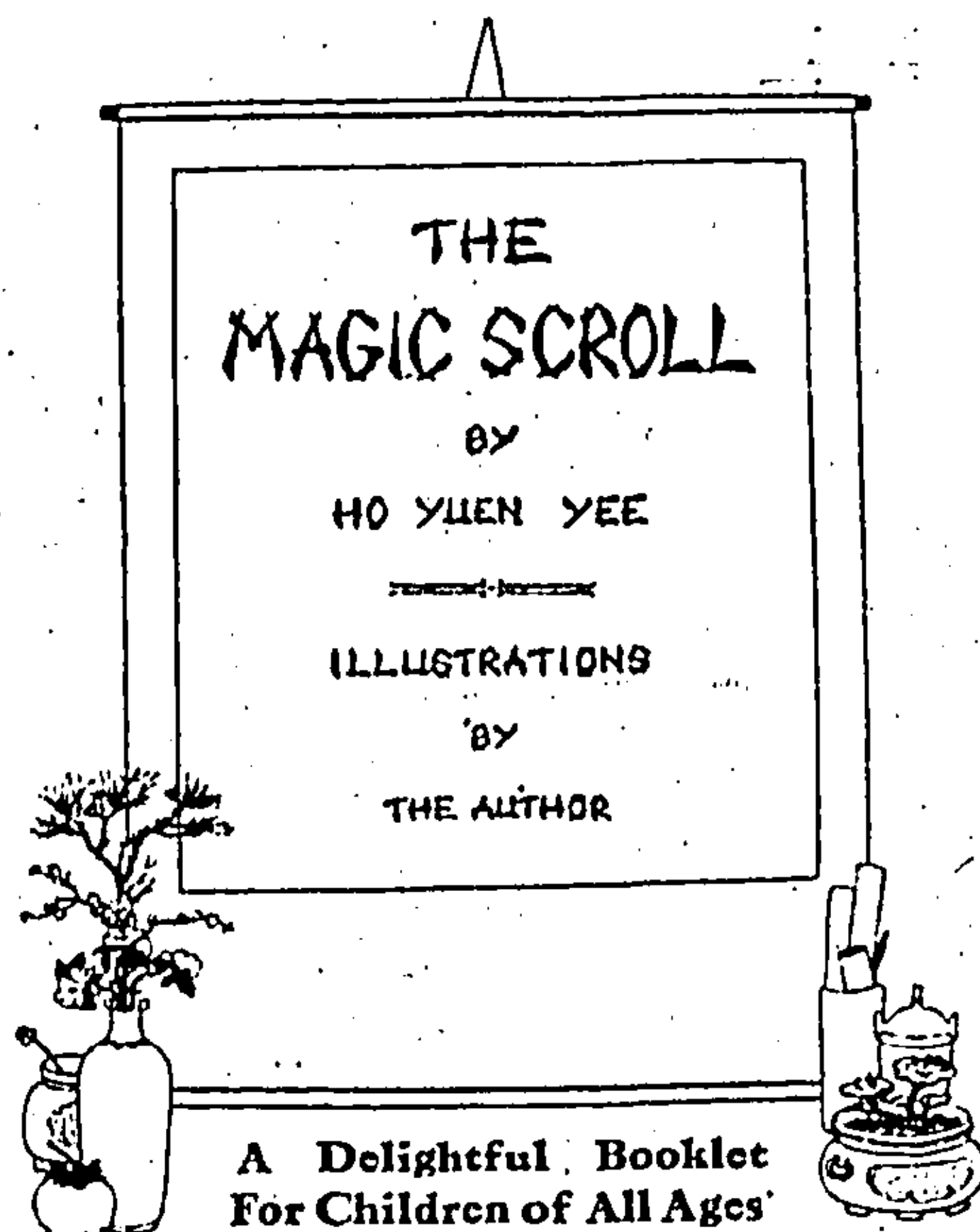
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CONFERENCES IN ATHENS WITH GREEK LEADERS

During December, 1944, street fighting in Athens increased in scale. Field-Marshal Alexander, faced by the possibility of sending large British reinforcements from the Italian front, hoped for a settlement through Archbishop Damaskinos, whom the King of Greece still refused to accept as Regent.

On Christmas Eve the Prime Minister and Mr Eden decided to look at the situation on the spot, and on Christmas Day they arrived by air in Athens.

At about noon we landed at the Kalamaki airfield which was guarded by about 2,000 British airmen, all well armed and active. Here were Field-Marshal Alexander, Mr Leeper (the British Ambassador) and Mr Macmillan (Minister of State). They came on board the plane, and we spent nearly three hours in hard discussion of the whole position, military and political. We were, I think, in complete agreement at the end, and about the immediate steps to be taken.

I and my party were to sleep on board the Ajax, anchored off the Piraeus, the famous light cruiser of the River battle, which now seemed a long time ago. The road was reported clear, and with an escort of several armoured cars we traversed the few miles without incident.

We boarded the Ajax before darkness fell, and I realised for the first time that it was Christmas Day. All preparations had been made by the ship's company for a jolly evening, and we certainly disturbed them as little as possible.

The sailors had a plan for a dozen of them to be dressed up in every kind of costume and disguise, as Chinese, Negroes, Red Indians, Cockneys, clowns, all to serenade the officers and warrant officers, and generally inaugurate revels suitable to the occasion. The Archbishop and his attendants arrived—an enormous tall figure in the robes and high hat of a dignitary of the Greek Church.

The two parties met. The sailors thought he was part of their show of which they had not been told, and danced around him enthusiastically. The Archbishop thought this motley gang was a premeditated insult, and might well have departed to the shore but for the timely arrival of the captain, who, after some embarrassment, explained matters satisfactorily. Meanwhile I waited, wondering what had

happened. But all ended happily.

I sent an account of our various discussions to the War Cabinet.

Field-Marshal Alexander gave an encouraging account of present military situation, which had been grave a fortnight ago but was now much better. The Field-Marshal, however, had formed the decided view that behind the E.L.A.S. units there was a stubborn core of resistance, which was stronger than we had thought and would be very difficult to eradicate. If we were successful in pushing the E.L.A.S. force outside the boundaries of Athens, we should still be faced with a tremendous task if we tried to eliminate them altogether.

Mr Macmillan and Mr Leeper informed us they had been considering the summoning of a conference of all the political leaders, which E.L.A.S. would be invited to attend. We felt that the convening of such a conference, with the declared object of putting an end to fratricidal strife in Greece, would, even if E.L.A.S. refused the invitation, ensure that our intentions would have been made clear to the world. We also agreed it would be a good move, that the Archbishop should be chairman of the conference.

When he came to see us (on board the Ajax) he spoke with great bitterness against the atrocities of E.L.A.S. (the Communist guerrillas) and the dark, sinister hand behind E.A.M. (the political movement controlling E.L.A.S.). Listening to him, it was impossible to doubt that he greatly feared the Communist, or Trotskyite, as he called it, combination in Greek affairs.

He told us that he had issued an encyclical today condemning the E.L.A.S. crowd for taking 8,000 hostages, middle-class people, many of them Egyptians, and shooting a few every day, and that he had said that he would report these matters to the Press of the world if the women were not released. After some wrangling he understood that the women would be released.

Generally he impressed me with a good deal of confidence. He is a magnificent figure, and he immediately accepted the proposal of being chairman of the conference.

I was impressed, especially from what the Archbishop said, by the intensity of hatred for Communists in the country. We had no doubt of this before we came here. Present position is confirmed by all we have heard so far. There is no doubt how the people of Athens would vote if they had a chance, and we

This is Chapter 20 of the great war leader's sixth and last book of war history. The book covers the closing phases of the struggle in Europe, from the Normandy landings to the surrender of the Germans.

must keep the possibility of getting them that chance steadily in view. I had of course kept the Prime Minister to President Roosevelt.

Anthony and I are going out to see what we can do to square this Greek entanglement. Basis of action: the King does not go back until a plebiscite in his favour has been taken. For the rest, we cannot abandon those who have taken up arms in our cause, and must if necessary fight it out with them.

I must always be understood that we seek nothing from Greece, in territory or advantages. We have given much, and will give more if it is in our power. I count on you to help us in this time of unusual difficulty. In particular I should like you to tell your Ambassador in Athens to make contact with us and to help all he can in accordance with the above principles.

I replied next day. I have asked our Ambassador to call upon you as soon as possible, and I am sure to be of all assistance I can in this difficult situation. I hope that your presence there on the spot will result in achieving an entirely satisfactory solution.

ON the morning of Boxing Day I set out for the Embassy. I remember that three or four shells from the lighting which was going on a mile away on our left raised spouts of water fairly near the Ajax as we were about to go ashore. Here an armoured car and military escort awaited us. I said to my Private Secretary, Jack Colville, "Where is your pilot?" and when he said that he had not got one I scolded him, for I certainly had my own.

In a few moments, while we were crowding into our steel box, he said, "I have got a Tommy-gun." "Where did you get it from?" I asked. "I borrowed it from the driver," he replied. "What is he going to do?" I asked. "He will be busy driving."

"But there will be no trouble unless you are stopped," I answered, "and what is he going to do then?" Jack had no reply. A black mark! We rumbled along the road to the Embassy without any trouble.

There I again met the Archbishop, on whom we were about to stake so much. He agreed to all that was proposed. We planned the procedure at the conference to be held in the afternoon. I was at

ready convinced that he was the outstanding figure in the Greek turmoil. Among other things, I had learned that he had been a champion wrestler before he entered the Orthodox Church.

Mr Leeper has noted that I said, "It would distress me to think that any new task Your Beatitude assumes as Regent might in any way interfere with your spiritual functions." He gave me all the necessary reassurance.

About six o'clock that evening, Dec. 26, the conference opened in the Greek Foreign Office. We took our seats in a large, bleak room after darkness fell. The winter is cold in Athens. There was no heating, and a few hurricane lamps cast a dim light upon the scene. I sat on the Archbishop's right, with Mr Eden, and Field-Marshal Alexander was on his left. Mr Macmillan, the American Ambassador, Mr Beaulieu, the French Minister, and the Soviet military representative had all accepted our invitation.

THE three Communist leaders were late. It was not their fault. There had been prolonged bickering at the outposts. After half an hour we began our work, and I was already speaking when they entered the room. They were respectable figures in British battle dress.

In my speech I said, among other things: "Mr Eden and I have come all this way, although great battles are raging in Belgium and on the German frontier, to make this effort to rescue Greece from a miserable fate and raise her to a point of great fame and repute. We do not intend to obstruct your deliberations. We British, and other representatives of the great united victorious Powers, will leave you Greeks to your own discussions under this most eminent and most venerable citizen, and we shall not trouble you unless you send for us again."

We may wait a little while, but we have many other tasks to perform in this world of terrible storm. My hope is, however, that the conference which begins here this afternoon in Athens will restore Greece once again to her fame and power among the Allies and the peace-loving peoples of the world, will secure the Greek frontiers from any danger from the north, and will enable every Greek to make the best of himself and the best of his country before the eyes of the whole world.

For all eyes are turned up on this table at this moment, and we British trust that whatever has happened in the heat of fighting, whatever misunderstandings there may have been, we shall preserve that old friendship between Greece and Great Britain which played so notable a part in the establishment of Greek independence.

I WAS glad to get back to the Embassy, where there were a few old stoves lent by G.H.Q. for the duration of my visit. While we were awaiting news from the conference and dinner I sent the following telegram to my wife, towards whom I felt penitent because of my desertion on Christmas Eve:

We have had a fruitful day, and so far there is no need to give up hope of some important results. H.M.S. Ajax is very comfortable, and one can get a view of the fighting in North Piraeus at quite short range. We have had to move a mile further away, as we were getting too many of their trench mortar bombs in our neighbourhood.

I went into the Embassy up that long road from Piraeus to Athens in an armoured car with strong escort, and I addressed all the blousy women on Embassy staff, who have been in continued danger and discomfort for so many weeks, but are in gayest of moods. Mrs Leeper is an inspiration to them.

You will have read about the plot to blow up H.Q. in the Hotel Grande-Bretagne. I do not think it was for my benefit. Still, a ton of dynamite was put in a sewer, by extremely skilled hands, and with German mechanism between the time my arrival was known and daylight. I have made friends with Archbishop, and think it has been very clever to work him in as we have done, leaving the constitutional questions for further treatment later.

The conference at Greek Foreign Office was intensely dramatic. All three haggard Greek faces round the table, and the Archbishop with his enormous hat, making him, I should think, even feel high, whom we got to pre-

side. Thanks were proposed with many compliments to us for coming, by the Greek Government, and supported by E.L.A.S. representative, who added reference to Great Britain, "our great Ally"—all this with guns firing at each other not so far away.

After some consideration I shook E.L.A.S. delegates' hand, and it was clear from their response that they were gratified. They are the very top ones. We have now left them together, as it was a Greek show. It may break up at any moment. We shall wait for a day or two if

necessary to see. At least we have done our best.

Bitter and animated discussions between the Greek parties occupied all the following day. At 5.30 that evening I had a final discussion with the Archbishop. As the result of his conversations with the E.L.A.S. delegates it was agreed I should ask the King of Greece to make him Regent. He would set about forming a new Government without any Communist members.

We undertook to carry on the fighting in full vigour until either E.L.A.S. accepted a truce or the Athens area was clear of them. I told him that we could not undertake any military task beyond Athens and Attica, but that we would try to keep British forces in Greece until the Greek National Army was formed.

Just before this talk I had received a letter from the Communist delegates asking for a private meeting with me. The Archbishop begged me not to assent to this. I replied that as the conference was fully Greek in character, I did not feel justified in agreeing to their request.

On the following morning, Dec. 28, Mr Eden and I left by air for Naples and London.

[At 4.30 in the morning of Dec. 30 the Prime Minister and Mr Eden persuaded the King of Greece to issue a proclamation declaring that he would not return to Greece until a free plebiscite had been held, and appointing Archbishop Damaskinos Regent.]

I SENT the royal announcement at once to Mr Leeper in Athens, saying that the Archbishop from the moment when he received it should consider himself free to proceed with all the functions of his office, and could be assured of the resolute support of His Majesty's Government.

The Archbishop replied to the King accepting his mandate as Regent. There was a new and living Greek Government. On Jan. 4 Gen. Plastiras, a vehement Republican, who was the leader of the Army revolt against King Constantine in 1922, became Prime Minister. The continuous fighting in Athens during December at last drove the insurgents from the capital and by mid-January British troops controlled all Attica. The Communists could do nothing against our men in open country, and a truce was signed on Jan. 11.

All E.L.A.S. forces were to withdraw well clear of Athens, Salonica, and Patras. Those in the Peloponnese were to be given a safe-conduct to return to their homes. British troops would cease fire and stand fast. Prisoners would be released on both sides. These arrangements came into force on Jan. 15.

The ended the six weeks' struggle for Athens and, as it ultimately proved, for the freedom of Greece from Communist subjugation. When three million men were fighting on either side on the Western Front and vast American forces were deployed against Japan in the Pacific, the spasm of Greece may seem petty, but nevertheless they stood at the nerve-centre of power, law and freedom in the Western world.

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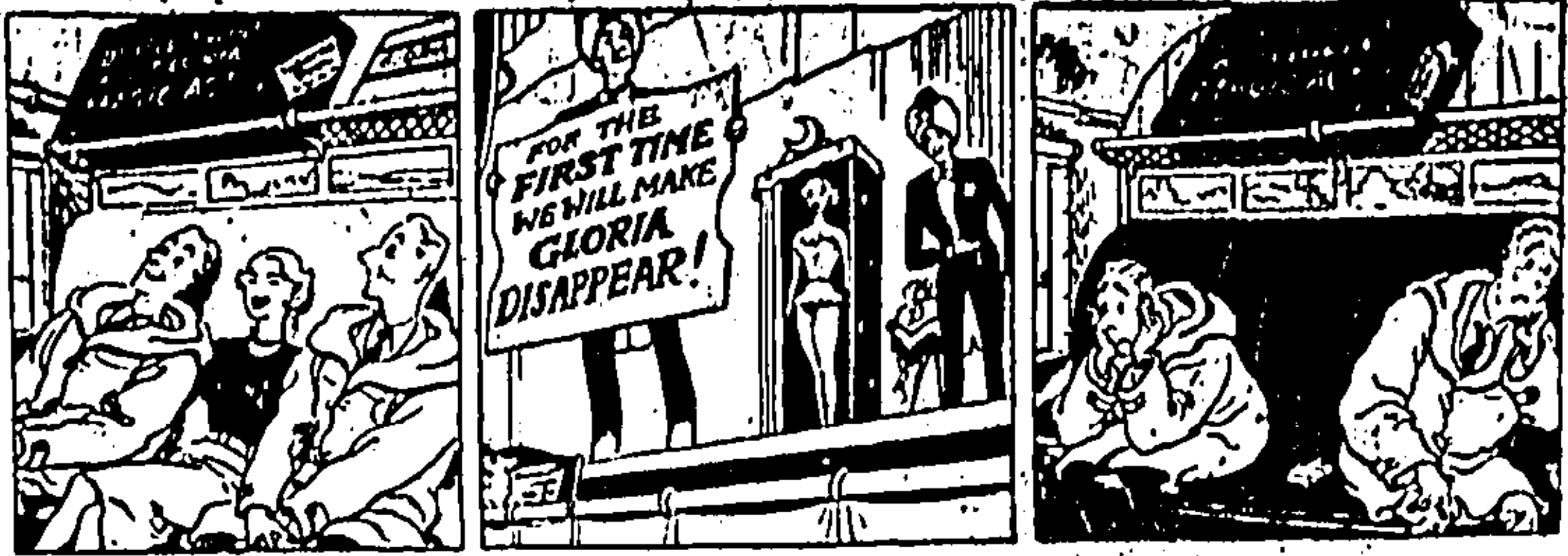
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THE DUFFLE TWINS by DODD



BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I SEE nothing to boast about in the fact that gross values exceed statutory deductions by nearly £27,000,000. Gross values of what? Statutory deductions from what?

Put it the other way round: statutory deductions exceed gross values by nearly £27,000,000. Who is the loser? The evidence is before our eyes every day, but the argument is conducted by those who are so confused in mind that the proposition can be put either way, backwards or forwards as it were. Then I say that the whole thing becomes meaningless, and I am not going to fire the first shot in a nation-wide campaign.

In passing

EVIDENTLY intending to pay a compliment, a writer said of a woman novelist, "She talks at the wheel." On, horror piled on horror! I have once described Mrs. de Stiel, with a pen behind her ear and a mouthful of ink.

Retarded volition?

THE other day a horse called Extra Dry fell into the River Severn. No wonder. This is a perfect example of what the psychologists call a Retarded Mental Phenomenon, or a case of unbalanced morphology.

YOUR BIRTHDAY by STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

BORN today, you have an in-deniable will and a deep interest in human welfare. These two characteristics, when combined, will make a lot of the world, once you have learned to instrument your ideas. Blessed with a good memory, you rarely, if ever, make a mistake when depending upon your recollection for a fact. This would be helpful to you, especially in the field of literature or history.

There is, in contrast, a peculiarly lackadaisical attitude toward some of the more practical things of life, and sometimes it takes a lot of prodding to get you moving. But this must always be in the form of inspirational encouragement, rather than criticism.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

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(NEXT WEEK, every day, "Is There Too Much Copper in Our Sweetmeats?")

The very white man's burden.

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Little epic

"Two cups of tea" he hears the waitress cry; Over the hash his eyes meet hers again. The chariot of Achilles follows by, And Hector's dead upon the Trojan plain.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Discretion Is Good Trait in Any Game

NORTH (D) 9			
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♦ A37		♣ 10843	
♣ 1094		♦ K	
♠ 9802		♣ QJ73	
WEST			
♠ AQ6		♥ 10743	
♦ KQ9		♣ 10843	
♣ AJ852		♦ K	
♠ 104		♣ QJ73	
EAST			
♠ K82		♥ 652	
♦ 652		♣ 763	
♠ AK5		♣ AK5	
SOUTH			
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♦ 652		♣ 763	
♠ AK5		♣ AK5	
Both sides vul.			
North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Double	Double
1 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Double
2 ♣	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Opening lead—♠ 10			

By OSWALD JACOBY

IF third hand is expected to open rather light, this partner must act discreetly with a poor hand. Somebody is bound to get hurt if both partners get busy with poor hands.

West naturally doubled for a takeout, and North should have stayed out of the auction with his 6 points and miserable distribution. Instead, North decided to interfere with his opponents by bidding one no-trump, East had been wondering whether to bid hearts or spades, but he was glad to pass when North made his intervening bid.

West doubled again, thus confirming the fact that he had a really good hand. It is possible to make a takeout double on a rather light hand in certain bidding situations. If your partner fails to respond to this double, however, you don't climb back into the auction unless you have a really good hand.

North ran from one no-trump to the "safety" of two clubs. At this stage East decided that something funny was going on and that a penalty double might clarify the situation. He had very little for the double, but he had already indicated a weak hand by passing over one no-trump.

West opened the ten of clubs, a very fine choice. It was evident that his partner had trump strength and length, so West was anxious to draw trumps. South won with the king of clubs and led a low spade. West put up the queen of spades and led his remaining trump, which was covered by dummy's eight and East's jack. South won with the ace of clubs and led a heart. West put up the queen of hearts and was allowed to hold the trick.

West thought deeply for a moment or two and came to the conclusion that his partner was to have diamond strength since it was evident that he had nothing in the major suits and only four moderately good trumps. West therefore boldly led a low diamond, and East was able to win with the king. East returned a spade and West took his spade and got out with a third round of the same suit. South now finessed the jack of hearts and cashed the ace of hearts. When declarer then tried to turn his attention to diamonds, West was able to take his jack and ace. By now, East was reduced to trumps alone, and the queen and seven of clubs were good for the last two tricks. South managed to take only five tricks and was therefore punished to the tune of 800 points.

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Answer Tomorrow

WOMANSENSE

Fashions that make a woman look younger

By ANNE SCOTT-JAMES

SPEAKING as a great fan of facts, I think getting older is hell for a woman.

Trot out the old protests, if you must: that the very young are mostly unhappy... that poise and elegance have a charm of their own... that it's nice having a bit more money, and that it's character that counts.

And then admit what we both know perfectly well—that there's hardly a woman in the world over the age of 25 who wouldn't like to look younger than she is.

Luckily, it's not too hard to knock four, five years off your looks, or perhaps even more.

Out of all the substances that go to make fashion—out of all the fabrics and jewels and colours and details we wear—there are a few which are congenial flatterers; a few which have a quality of giving a sparkle to the woman who wears them.

You know how some flowers have a vibrancy while others have not—how roses have a glow of their own, while wallflowers are lifeless except in the sunshine.

It is rather like that. There are a few fashions which never go dead on you—which, on the contrary, give you freshness and life.

WHY DON'T YOU WEAR THEM?

I have made a list of the things which I think make a woman look younger. I have sorted and weeded, and boiled them down to five.

But you may have your own ideas. You may have tried and proved some personal fashion device which makes you look your youngest and best. Meanwhile, my five—

1 A VEIL. Nothing does so much for your face as a piece of veiling. The strange little dots and squares make the skin behind them look softer and whiter, and give you a behind-bars look that is pretty romantic.

2 FUR NEAR YOUR FACE. Fur is one of those substances that communicate their lustre to the woman who wears them. And fur near your face casts unbelievably flattering shadows.

3 WHITE. White is the youngest and kindest of colours by far. Yet nobody seems to wear it except a baby or a deb. White freshens the skin and sets off the hair, whether dark hair or blond.

4 TULLE FOR EVENING. Tulle is the evening fabric, take the one that does most for your looks. It is airy and graceful without being floppy, like chiffon or lace. It has a springiness that's good.

5 BEAUTIFUL SHOES. Pretty ankles and feet make you look years younger—that's infallible. Which means paper-thin, low-cut, high-heeled shoes. (A good stout walking shoe is merely a necessary evil.)

But there's a new way with shoes. Very, very high-heeled, shining pumps. Perhaps patent leather for day, satin for evening. A satin slipper is surely the prettiest shoe that ever was made.

Add Personal Touch To Foods

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"WHEN a lady reads 'specialite of the house' on a restaurant or hotel menu card, it sounds very glamorous," said the Chef. "And sometimes it also tastes glamorous. But many times she must be surprised to discover it is really an everyday dish, with a special presentation and new flavour."

"This is what I call 'personalising a food'," I explained. "It adds a new and exciting flavour-touch of one's own to a dish prepared by a basic recipe. This is fun, calling for inventiveness and imagination in preparing foods."

Personal Touch
"For instance, the filling for the beef potpie in today's column, I personalised by adding grape juice."

Beef Potpie
Prepare 1½ qt. beef stew or use 3 (No. 2) tins beef stew. Make 1 recipe rich biscuit pastry. Roll to ¼-in. thickness. Cut in strips 2 in. wide, and line the inside of a 3-pt. casserole. Bring the stew to boiling point. Pour into the casserole. Top with rounds of the biscuit pastry, cut 2 in. in diameter and place close together. Bake in a hot oven, 400° F. about 35 min., or until the biscuit topping is puffy and browned.

Beef Stew
Purchase 3 lbs. shin of beef, bone in. Remove as much of the meat from the bone as possible, and cut in small pieces. Cut the bone, Brown both meat and bone in a little beef fat. Add 2 sliced peeled onions; sauté until yellowed. Then add 6 c. cold water; 1 small diced peeled carrot; 1 c. sliced peeled white turnip; and 1 small diced green pepper. Cover and simmer about 3 hrs., or until the meat is tender. (Or use half the amount of water and pressure-cook 1½ min. at 15 lbs.)

Remove the bones. Skim off fat from the liquid. To the broth, add 2 c. thin-sliced peeled potatoes; 1 c. solid-pack tomato; 1 c. sliced celery; ¼ tsp. salt; ¼ tsp. pepper; ½ tsp. monosodium glutamate and ¼ c. grape juice. Continue to simmer until the vegetables are fork-tender. Then add 2 tbsp. enriched flour blended with 2 tbsp. cold water. Bring to boiling point and use.

Household Hints
To tenderise liver, sear before cooking.

Glass baking dishes which have become brown usually will come clean when washed in a strong solution of borax and water.



NOTHING flatters like a veil. Above: One to put on under a hat—under a small tricorne or pillbox or beret. Below: A larger hat with a tailored veil which an English designer has flown out to show in New York.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mice Use Mr. Punch's Phone

—That's Why He Has to Hide It Under His Desk—

By MAX TRELL

MR. PUNCH'S telephone, which he kept carefully hidden under the desk to prevent the mice from using it, was now ringing.

"Ah," said Mr. Punch to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I'd better see who's calling me."

"Hurry, Mr. Punch!" said Hanid, who was afraid that whoever was calling might think Mr. Punch was not at home and stop ringing.

Mr. Punch crawled under the desk. This wasn't easy for him as he was quite fat and the space under the desk was quite narrow. But finally he reached the phone. "Hello?" Knarf and Hanid heard him saying. "Who wants me?"

There was a moment's pause. Then they heard Mr. Punch saying: "Wrong number." He hung up the phone and came crawling out from under the desk again. "It was somebody calling for Curly."

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I saw a mouse dressed in his best clothes, with his hair brushed and his shoes shined, walking up to the phone and pulling the receiver off the hook. I mean, he was trying to pull it off the hook. Only he couldn't!

"Why not, Mr. Punch?" asked Knarf.

"Because the telephone receiver was too big and too heavy for a mouse. So what did he do but run to the edge of the desk and shout: 'Hey, Sis Come here!' And the next second his sister, dressed in a lovely gingham dress with a blue ribbon in her hair, came out from a little hole in the corner of the room. She climbed right up to the top of the desk."

"What did she do?" said Knarf.

"Well," said Mr. Punch, "her brother told her that he was having trouble getting the receiver of the telephone off the hook. He said he wanted her to help him. So they both started trying to lift the receiver up. They had quite a job; then it would drop back again. I could see they were getting pretty discouraged about getting the receiver off at all when the mouse said: 'Sis, or Sis, or Mama Mouse!'"

"Oh dear!" said Hanid. She really felt sorry for the mice who weren't strong enough to dial a telephone number. "What did they do then?"

"Then," said Mr. Punch, "they each tried dialing it with their noses, but they couldn't budge it. So, finally Papa Mouse said, 'I'll do it. Stand back!' He couldn't turn the dial at all. And neither could Sis, or Sis, or Mama Mouse."

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"Their grandmother," said Mr. Punch. "A real old lady."



Mr. Punch crawled under the desk to the telephone.

Papa and Mama mouse looked out of the hole in the corner to see what was going on.

"Did they help?" Hanid asked.

All Four Mice Tried

"Oh yes," said Mr. Punch, "all four of the mice now began lifting it, two on one end and two on the other. This time they got it off. Then the boy mouse set about dialing a number. First he tried dialing with his paw. He couldn't turn the dial at all. And neither could Sis, or Sis, or Mama Mouse."

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CHESS PROBLEM

By E. FALKOSKA

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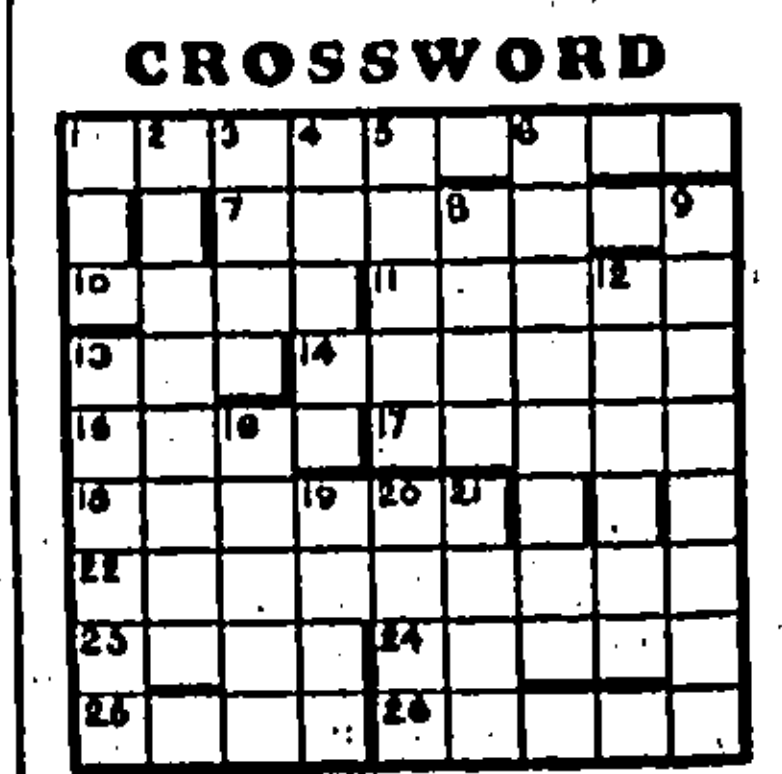


White, 5 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.

Solution: 1. To Saturday's problem: 1. Q-K3 any; 2. Q or R mates.

DUMB-BELLS

YOU CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE I PUT MY EYEGLASSES! IT'S REALLY OUTRAGEOUS THE FORGETFULNESS OF YOU CHILDREN



Across
1. Popularize many dining tables.

7. Replaces are often, in a jam. (7)

10. Good, this is often, welcome.

11. Your brother's daughter, for certain. (5)

12. Open air seat—sometimes. (6)

15. Come bring me some. (5)

16. Bigger, upset. (5)

23. Could you say on this bird? (4)

24. A cockney might say to a friend. (5)

25. Literary Jew. (4)

26. Doggy bone is used to. (5)

1. Take the day's last meal. (5)

2. Fully cooked. (5)

3. Wide, said it was better. (5)

4. Squally, rather. (5)

5. Cakes, right. (5)

6. End, said—and no reason. (5)

7. Heavy, 20 lb. barbell, if a poet. (5)

8. One of those ovens called on the radio. (5)

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CLUB BEAT RAF 9-3 IN PENTANGULAR TOURNNEY

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon in the Pentangular Tournament the Club, in a thrilling needle match narrowly defeated the RAF XV by 9 points (2 tries 1 penalty goal) to 3 (1 try). And following that, in the second game at Boundary Street the Navy completely overwhelmed the Police by the fantastic score of 40 points (5 tries 5 goals) to 3 (1 try).

In the first game the Club kicked off against a moderate cross wind, and were soon deep into the Airman's half, and only a neat tackle by Balderston forced Ewart, who had cleverly intercepted a pass, into touch close to the RAF corner flag.

From the lineout the ball was cleared upfield and the RAF began to press hard and were given a penalty for an offside infringement, but the gusty wind bent Henderson's kick up to the line, and only a rapid sprint and dive to touch down by Layton saved the Club.

De Rome and Layton then took the ball to the RAF 25-yard line and there the Club were awarded a penalty for an infringement, and Henderson put the ball neatly between the posts to give the Club the lead by 3 points.

With De Rome leading, the Club again attacked and a kick ahead by Farquharson bounced the wrong way and went over the dead ball line. From the 5-yard scrum that resulted the Club pushed their opponents over their line and the Club scrum collapsed on the ball and the score now stood at 9 points to 3 as Henderson missed the conversion.

The game ended shortly after another RAF attack was cleared. On the whole the game was very even. The three on both sides had their faults. The RAF's fault was forward passing, and the Club's that of not catching their passes.

Both sides brought these faults into play whenever they seemed likely to score, and they could all do a spot more practice in this line before their next games.

The packs played well, though St. Andrew's night had obviously taken its toll, and the Club did not back up as hard as they should have done. The best players in the Club side were Ewart, De Rome, Turville, Henderson, and Leader, whilst those in the RAF were Milden, Gammon, and Davis.

SECOND HALF

The second half opened with the Club attacking and they got to the RAF 5-yard line before a fumble gave the Airman a chance which they seized to send the play back to midfield.

Then Leader started a fine attack and when he kicked across it looked as if the Club would score. However, much to the spectators' amusement, one of Henderson's young sons decided to try and emulate his famous father, and dashed on to the field and nearly caught the ball causing the Airman to wonder whether they were entitled to tackle such an unusual opponent or not.

The RAF now attacked and the ball came out of a loose Maul.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FIFTH RACE MEETING

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club) Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th December, 1953.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES
The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m. on both days.
The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.
Admission Badges at \$10 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.
Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72911).
NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3 each per day payable at the Gate.
Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3 in order to gain re-admission.
MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$32. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 4th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.
Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Almeida Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on race days.

Attention is drawn to an amendment to the Rules for Cash Sweeps whereby Prizes of \$2,000 each will be paid to holders of tickets on unplaced colored ponies, whether Starters or not, but only in the case of Cash Sweeps on the last race when tickets are on sale prior to the day of the race.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 30th January, 1954, are now available. The cost of each ticket is \$2.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.
ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.
PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the premises of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,

The 9th minute saw Lloyd again score when, from a lineout, he sent the three, and Smith easily converted the kick, 10-0.

After this the 14th Policeman arrived and this seemed to slow down the Navy's rate of scoring. However in the 21st minute the Navy's three went off again and Owen went over near by the flag despite a desperate last minute tackle by the Police full back.

Smith missed the long kick, 13-0. A short time later and the Navy heeled quickly from a set scrum on the 5-yard line and Lloyd scored again in the corner. Smith missed the conversion, 16-0.

Then just before half time Smith broke through from a lineout and scored near the posts but missed the kick, 19-0.

The Navy had had the advantage in all they did. They played harder and faster than the Police and looked like a well-oiled machine, and the Police just did not know what had hit them.

The second half was a repeat of the first. In the 9th minute Whickley went over and Smith converted, 24-0.

Five minutes later Boulter was forced out after a lovely Navy move and from the lineout the ball went to Davis who took it over the line. Smith succeeded again this time and the score was 29-0.

At last we saw the Police, thanks to Lelliot who played a game throughout, score when he doubled well and kicked across for his three to gather and Scott went over near the corner. Scott missed the conversion and the Police had broken their duck by 3 points.

Then in the 16th minute from a 5-yard scrum the ball came to Davis who sold a dummy and crossed the line under the posts leaving an easy kick for Smith, who made no mistake, 34-3.

After a little midfield play, Smith, getting the ball from the scrum, ran well and passed to Davis who scored. Smith missed, 37-3.

In the last few seconds the Navy made it a nice round figure when Davis scored from a three move and Smith just missed the conversion, 40-3.

The Police tried hard but they were faced by the probable eventual Tournament winners, and just could not get going. Only Scott and Lelliot shone, but once the team gets in some practice they could win against a weaker team than this.

The Navy deserves credit in every department for their fine win and the meeting the players would only keep running through the whole team. Smith was, however, even more outstanding than the rest.

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EX-CHAMPION



Gizi Farkas of Hungary, former World Women's Table Tennis Champion, in play in the match against England at Wembley.—Central Press Photo.

LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY MAINTAIN THEIR LEAD

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army maintained their lead at the head of the table in both the Senior and Junior divisions with two decisive wins during the week-end's Cricket League matches.

A pleasing feature of the other games was the good form shown by two enterprising teams, Optimists and Navy, whose well-earned victories brought them up next to the Scorpions in challenging positions for Senior Division honours.

The Indian Recreation Club XI were involved in another drawn match, this time with the RAF, bringing their total of drawn matches to date up to five.

The Indians batted for 38 overs for 184 runs, and left their opponents with only 28 overs, which leaves room for some criticism. A difference of five overs would not have been too bad.

The CCC Army return match produced plenty of bright cricket, and was played in grand spirit. Forceful batting by both sides saw the batsmen generally having the better of the bowlers.

A brilliant 82 by George Souza, who once again claimed the honour of being the highest scorer of the week, enabled

INTER-VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

London, Dec. 6.
Oxford gained an unexpectedly easy win over Cambridge in the Annual Inter-Varsity Cross Country Race held over 7 1/2 miles course at Roehampton near London today.

They were successful by 29 points to 50, falling four of the first six places, with R. Royd the individual winner in 40 min. 30.2 secs.

He led practically throughout to set up a record time for the course and beat C. J. Sudaby, also Oxford, by more than half a minute.—Reuter.

Basketball Tourney

Bangkok, Dec. 7.
The Hongkong men's team defeated Bangkok 49-42.

In the women's division, Singapore defeated Bangkok 18-11 and Japan beat the Philippines 44-17.—United Press.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division	P.	W.	D.	T.	L.	Pts.
Army	8	7	0	1	0	28
Scorpions	9	4	2	1	2	20
Navy	9	3	2	0	4	14
Optimists	8	3	2	0	3	14
IRC	9	2	2	0	5	13
CCC	10	2	3	0	5	11
KCC	9	2	3	0	4	11
RAF	8	2	3	0	3	11
Recrelo	7	2	1	1	3	11
HKU	6	1	3	0	2	7

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	T.	L.	Pts.
Army	9	9	0	0	0	36
Dockyard	7	5	1	0	1	21
RAF	8	5	1	0	2	21
Police	7	5	0	0	2	20
Navy	7	3	1	0	3	13
IRC	7	3	0	0	4	12
Recrelo	5	3	0	0	2	12
DBS	9	2	2	0	5	10
KCC	7	1	1	0	5	5
HKU	3	0	0	0	3	0
KGV	8	0	0	0	8	0

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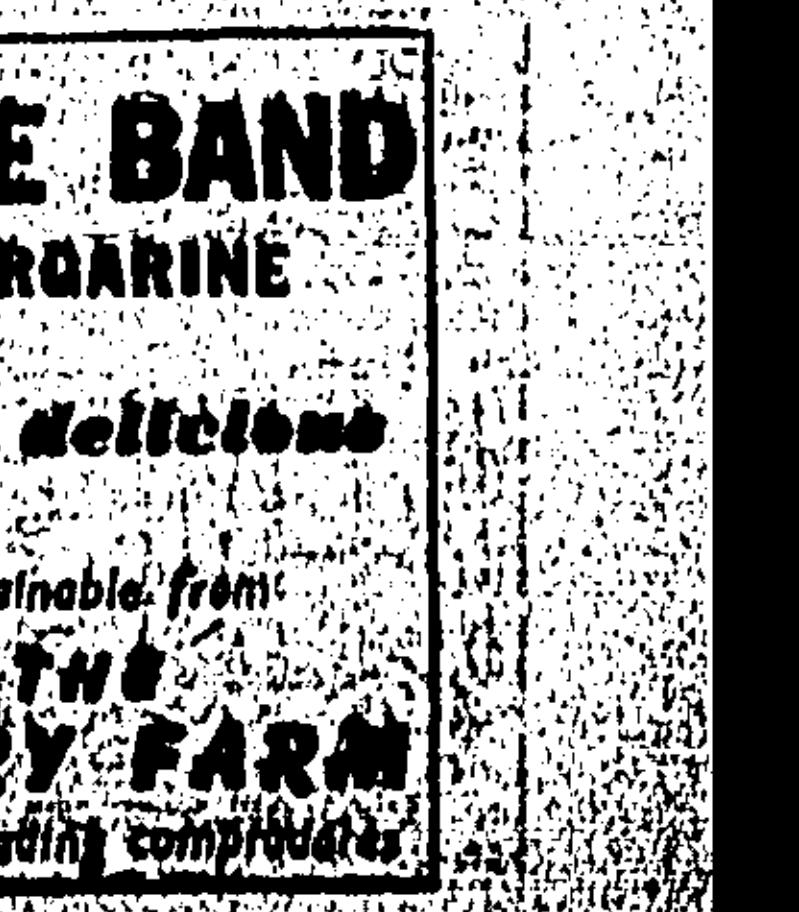
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Pandas With The Hearts Of Lions Upset Braves

By "SNOOPER"

The spirit of Ed Carvalho's Champion Braves was abroad and the spirit of Jackie Wei's lion-hearted Pandas was at King's Park, judged by the gallant way the Pandas shattered the Braves' unbeaten record with a 8-0 shutout victory in the Senior "A" tussle before a record crowd of onlookers yesterday.

But the story of the Pandas' glorious victory was the superb pitching performance of Jackie Wei and the brilliant fielding of his colleagues. The Pandas not only outlit the Braves by 8-2 but were superior in all departments of the game. By virtue of this victory, the Pandas earned the distinction of being the first team to lower the Champions' colours and it was the Pandas' first win over the Braves since they first met four years ago.

It was a thrill-packed needle game. It was not until the last Braves' batter was out that the Pandas made victory secure. The Pandas struck top form at the right time and blighted their supporters as well as their own with their deft pitches and ball control. They must be given the highest praise for a great show and once again winning pitcher Jackie Wei has shown himself an outstanding mountaineer in the Senior "A" League.

In sharp contrast to Wei's pitching, Braves' hurler Jack Brown seemed to have lost confidence in his own ability. His pitches fell easy prey to the Pandas' batters who collected eight hits in the seven innings. Wei yielded only two hits in the afternoon's play.

Playing in their new grey uniforms, the Pandas looked most impressive from the very start and moved like winners in the first inning. With shortstop Y.S. Liang on third after a sacrifice, second baseman Willie Woo, third baseman Wally Ma fired a high, one to centre to drive home Liang for the Pandas' initial run.

TENSE ALL THE WAY

From then on, it was tense all the way. The Braves were fighting individually as if their lives were depending on it but it appeared that their team spirit was missing. The Pandas continued to be right on top for the next three innings to hold the Braves scoreless.

Going into the fourth, Jackie Wei and his colleagues put more punch into their pitching. Ed Carvalho's Pandas sent the crowd delirious with a sacrifice fly to enable Benny Fan to cross the plate for the Pandas' second run.

In the sixth inning, a brilliant Alexander, did in no uncertain manner. Alexander's 93 not out can be regarded as one of the fastest and brightest innings yet seen, probably only next to that of "Tinker" Lee last week.

A fine bowling spell by veteran Donald Leach, aided by forceful batting by T. G. C. Knight and F. A. Weller, played the major part in the Scorpions' unexpectedly easy win over Club de Recrelo.

The Recrelo total of 114 runs was far below their usual capabilities, and Leach's five wickets for 35 runs was only next to Sim's six wickets for 24 in the week's list of best bowling performances. Like Leach, Sims was mainly responsible in keeping down the Kowloon Cricket Club to a total of only 60 runs.

They were successful by 29 points to 50, falling four of the first six places, with R. Royd the individual winner in 40 min. 30.2 secs.

He led practically throughout to set up a record time for the course and beat C. J. Sudaby, also Oxford, by more than half a minute.—Reuter.

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AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Melbourne, Dec. 6.
John Landy, Australia's champion, who may be the first man to run the four-minute mile, today clipped 5.9 seconds off his Australian 1,000 metres record in an unofficial run here.

Timekeepers at the meeting were not Athletic Association officials and so Landy's time may not be accepted.

He ran the distance in two minutes 25.5 seconds.

During the afternoon Geoff Warren clipped 11 seconds off Les Parry's 800 metres record with a time of 6 minutes 24.5 seconds, but here again it is doubtful whether the new figure will be recognised.—Reuter.

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FALL AT KEMPTON



F. Chapman comes to grief as he falls from his mount, Nital, at the final fence in the Uxbridge Handicap 'Chase at Kempton.—Central Press Photo.

SCOTTISH SPORTS SUMMARY

By "MAC"

Britain's soccer match of the season will be staged at Ibrox Stadium on December 8. Glasgow Rangers, Scottish Cup holders and reigning League champions, entertain English First Division Champions Arsenal.

The match, played under floodlight, will inaugurate the Stadium's new lighting system.

Keely watching points at the England-Hungary match at Wembley was the entire Glasgow Celtic team. Said manager Jim McGrory, "The match taught the players more in 90 minutes than we could in six months. Coach George Paterson will take notes of all the lessons and will run through them with the lads when we get back."

Aberdeen are planning an ambitious close-season tour next summer. Destination is Mexico, where they will play six matches. They will return £6,000 richer. The Mexicans have guaranteed all expenses and £1,000 per match.

Newcastle United, seeking a replacement for Scottish international centre-half Frank Brennan, who has been off form, are hoping to fill the berth with another Scotsman. Having failed in their bid for St. Mirren's Willie Telfer, Scotland's current centre-half, Newcastle have switched their attentions to Jimmy Clunie of Raith Rovers.

A bonus with a difference awaited Stirling Albion players after their victory over East Fife. They entered the dressing room after the match to find eleven packets of butter on the trainer's table. They were given by a delighted local farmer.

AUSTRALIANS FEAR FLOP

A soccer tour of the United Kingdom, planned by the Australian Football Association for 1955-6 may be called off.

The tour is being organised similarly to last season's South Africans' tour—and there lies the snag.

The South Africans returned home complaining they had lost heavily on the tour. They shared gates on a 50-50 basis, but their matches attracted small crowds.

This prompted one official to say: "There is no interest in amateur soccer in Britain."

THE REPLY. "Presumably there was no interest in the South Africans. There is plenty of interest in our amateurs."

Now the Australians want to know exactly how the South Africans fared financially. If they get a bad report they will not come—and from what the South Africans have already said, a bad report looks certain.

The Australians were planning sending an all-amateur side. International matches against the four Home Countries will probably be arranged.

An England professional XI beat Australia 17-0 at Sydney in 1951. Our amateurs should also be too good for them.

(—London Express Service)

Home Soccer Standings

London, Dec. 6.

Football League standings after yesterday's matches were:

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wolves	21	11	7	3	33	20	29
West Brom	21	15	2	4	30	21	32
Huddersfield	21	12	4	5	33	21	28
Burnley	21	12	4	5	33	21	28
Holton	20	8	4	8	27	28	24
Charlton	21	11	1	9	35	40	23
Blackpool	20	9	4	7	31	35	22
Arsenal	21	9	4	8	31	30	22
Manchester U.	21	8	10	3	31	29	21
Cardiff	21	8	8	5	28	27	21
Sheff. W.	21	8	3	10	33	46	21
Preston N.E.	21	7	10	4	27	31	20
Aston Villa	20	9	2	9	34	29	19
Tottenham	21	9	1	11	34	38	19
Newcastle	21	6	7	8	32	36	17
Sheff. U.	20	6	5	9	30	46	17
Portsmouth	21	6	4	11	32	46	16
Manchester C.	21	6	5	11	24	41	15
Liverpool	21	5	11	4	41	15	15
Birmingham	20	5	3	12	40	53	13

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Leicester	21	11	7	3	33	20	29
Everton	21	10	7	4	31	27	27
Doncaster	21	12	5	4	30	24	27
Birmingham	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Nottingham	21	10	5	6	45	31	25
Notts Forest	21	10	5	6	45	31	25
Leeds Utd.	21	10	5	6	33	32	25
Sheff. Utd.	22	10	6	6	33	32	25
Stoke City	22	10	6	6	33	32	25
Lincoln City	21	10	5	6	30	31	21
Swansea Town	21	10	4	7	34	29	20
Bristol R.	21	10	4	7	34	29	20
West Ham	20	9	4	7	33	29	20
Blackburn	21	7	6	8	44	42	20
Fulham	20	4	10	16	30	44	18
Derby County	20	4	10	16	30	44	18
Sheff. W.	21	6	5	10	21	43	17
Notts County	21	6	5	10	21	43	17
Hull City	21	5	11	5	17	45	15
Sheff. F.	21	5	11	5	17	45	15
Bury	21	3	10	8	20	46	14
Oldham	21	4	5	12	22	38	13

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Isleworth Town	22	14	6	2	40	23	34
Southampton	21	13	4	4	37	25	30
Reading	22	12	4	6	43	31	28
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THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Port Vale	22	10	6	6	43	31	28
Gateshead	22	11	7	4	37	24	29
Bradford	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Barnsley	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Scunthorpe	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Stockport	22	10	6	6	40	37	26
Wrexham	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Bradford City	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Carlisle U.	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Swindon	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Shrewsbury	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
G. P. H.	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
South U.	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Aldershot	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Colchester	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Newport	21	10	6	5	34	27	26
Walsall	21	10	6	5	34	27	26

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

"A" Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Queen	14	9	2	3	33	21	20
Dundee	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
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Celtic	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Aberdeen	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
St. Mirren	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Clyde	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Stirling	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Inverness	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Partick Th.	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Raith	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Dumfries Utd.	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Airdrie	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Hamilton	14	8	4	2	31	17	17

"B" Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Motherwell	14	10	4	0	44	10	20
Albion R.	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Dumfries Utd.	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Greenock	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Kilmarnock	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
St. Johnstone	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Arbroath	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
Forfar	14	8	4	2	31	17	17
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THE ARMY WERE OUT FOR QUICK REVENGE AGAINST POLICE — AND GOT IT!

By I.M. MacTAVISH

Earlier this season I went along to Boundary Street to see the Army and the Police in opposition. On that occasion I saw a very inept soldiers' eleven deservedly beaten and as this was the first time the teams have met since then I wanted to see what changes the return would produce. I was rewarded with an excellent contest, but this time the Army made no mistake and were worthy winners by 3 goals to nil.

It was obvious from the first kick that the Army were out for quick revenge... and, by George, they got it. With the game only 2 minutes old a delightful high speed move saw Reeves cut right through the defence and crash a beautiful drive into the far corner of the net leaving Tsang Kai-wing spread-eagled on the ground.

This was a bright start and play was maintained at an astonishing speed with lots of neat and clever work coming from both sides. Au Chi-yin was being well shadowed by Frazer and much of the Police approach play was suppressed before Granger was caused any real trouble.

The star of the game at this stage was Bennett in the Army forward line and he was staying inside among the defenders whenever he had the ball. It was his persistence that led to the second goal. He retained possession in several tackles and from his distribution the ball was moved across the face of the goal to Nash. The right winger controlled it quickly and as Wakefield and Lai Wai closed in he drove it cleverly into the far corner of the net.

MUCH IN EVIDENCE

Little had been seen of Moss during the first half, but in a period of Police supremacy just after the interval he was much in evidence as the power behind many attacks.

Yuen Yui-lam was however the biggest danger to the Army and this leading-up work brought Granger into the game with a couple of first rate saves.

The Police team, with Tsang Shek-hong now at centre-half and Lai Wai in the left-back berth, were putting up a much better show but the forwards were not making use of their chances and were upset by the speed of the Army tackling.

With 20 minutes of the second half gone Bennett brought the Army score up to three with an amazing goal. A high ball was lofted into the goalmouth and Bennett with a tremendous jump rose above everyone to drive a powerful header just under the bar.

From then until the end the spectators were treated to some grand open play with near misses at both ends and only Granger thwarted the Police with a typical neck-or-nothing save.

The Police defence was good and indifferent in patches, and one bad misunderstanding when four players all left the ball to each other saw Nash nip in and deliver a fast ball just past the for post.

Tsang Kai-wing did many clever things and had no chance with the shots that beat him. Wakefield was always trying to force on the play. Lai Wai was better when he went to left back after the interval but Tsang Shek-hong, who replaced him, was no more successful than he had been in subduing Bennett. Hughes got through a power of work and made this a disappointing debut for Hogben in the Army side.

The forward line was disappointing. Moss only came in to the game after the interval but he got little response from Tam Chung-sing on the wing. Au Chi-yin was played out of the game by Frazer and only Yuen Yui-lam seemed capable of carrying the ball in possession.

For the Army, Granger had a quiet afternoon but his handling of the ball was top-class. Casey was the better back but Jones, who came in for the injured Wells, had a promising debut in a strange position.

Frazer dominated the centre of the field but neither Stevens

nor Wingfield were consistent in their play and they sent more passes astray.

Reeves, until he was injured, was the outstanding forward but the line as a whole worked well. Bennett was sharp as a needle in the middle and Nash had just about the best game I have seen him play this season. Chase on the left saw little of the ball but in possession he was fast and clever and with more support he might have caused a lot of damage.

VERDICT: A grand game with plenty of action and clever play. There was not a questionable action in the whole game and Referee Mak controlled with immaculate judgment.

CLUB 2, SING TAO 3

So near yet so far... victory so worthily earned yet so simply thrown away... yes, so near and yet so far. These are the sort of reflections that cross one's mind in thinking back to the Club-Sing Tao Challenge Shield game at the Club Stadium on Saturday.

This is one game the Blue and Whites should never have lost. For long periods of the game they played above themselves. They had a generous share of Fortune's smiles, and that is an essential factor in knockout games.

However, it is but fair to place the game in its correct perspective for quite honestly the standard of play was never very high. The Club adopted 'Cup-tie' tactics and slung the ball about to good purpose. These were sound tactics for there was always the possibility of Falconer or Keane beating the defence.

On the other hand, whatever plans Sing Tao may have laid for this game were upset in the 7th minute when Hsu King-shing pulled a muscle and moved out to the left wing, where he was virtually a passenger for the rest of the afternoon.

As a result of this Leung Chun-sum stepped into the left-back position and Lau Chung-sang took over the left-half berth. These early changes upset the harmony of the Tiger's forward line and it became obvious that any success would come as the result of Ho Cheung-yau cunning in on the wiles of Chang Kam-hoi.

Club also suffered from injury when Mullen twisted a leg late in the game and spent the rest of the time hobbling about on the right wing.

CATASTROPHE

In Club records this game will probably always be referred to as 'The Caton Catastrophe'. After giving a grand display of his best in a long time—the goalkeeper, with only five minutes left for play and his team in the lead at 2-1, dropped a cross ball on the goal line. Yuen Yui-lam, accepting this gift from the gods, crashed the ball into the net to level the scores. Thus Sing Tao saved a game that had seemed lost and lost a game that had seemed well and worthily won.

Club struck an early blow and Keane, taking advantage of a through pass, scored a grand goal. Play was in favour of Club at this stage but four minutes later they were pegged back to equality when Ho Cheung-yau finished off a clever forward movement by smashing the ball into the net.

Club were not upset by this turn in the fortunes of the game and some lightning think-

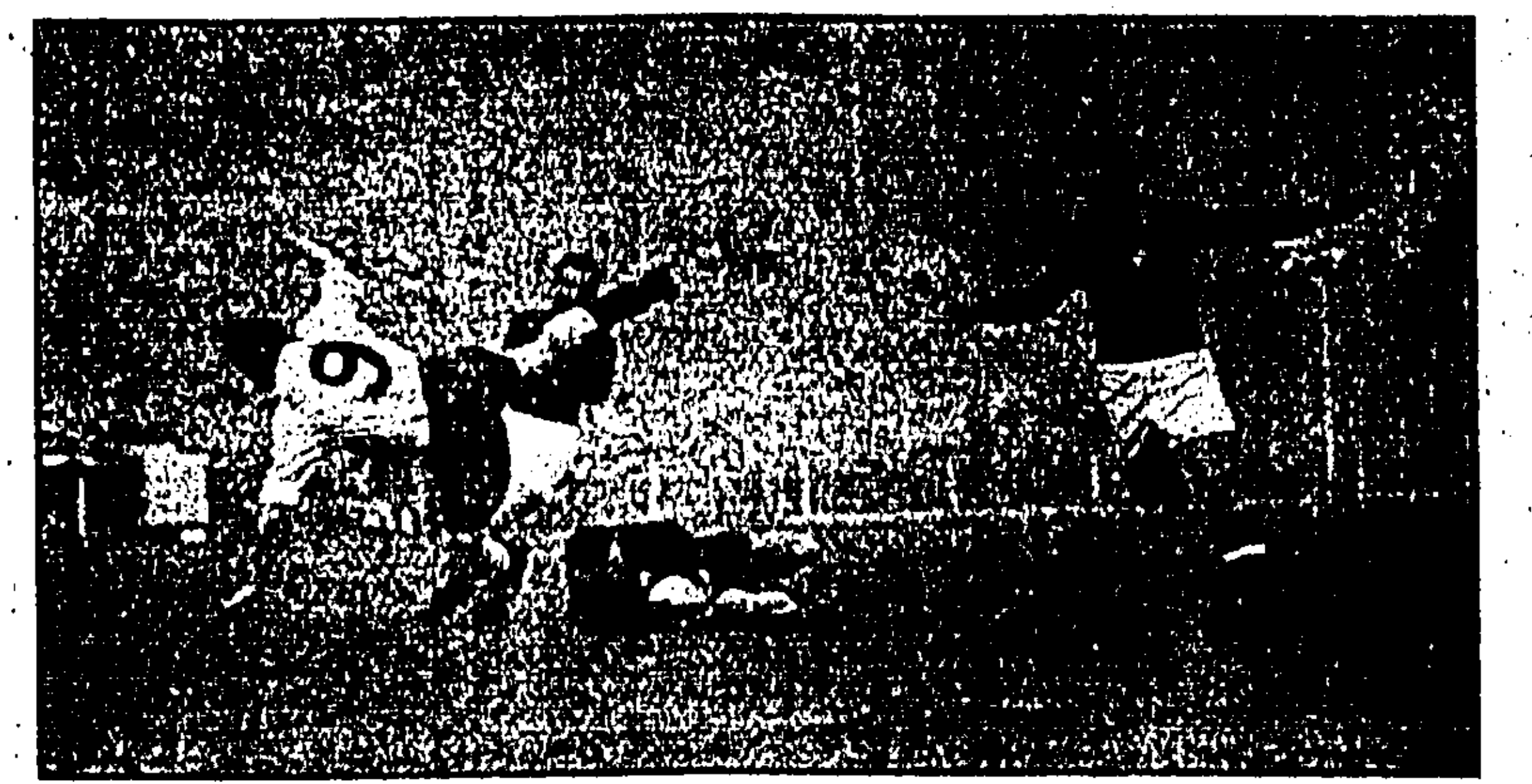
ing by Falconer restored their lead. The referee awarded a free kick about five yards outside the penalty area and Falconer, seeing an opening, quickly laid the ball in position and in almost the same movement cracked it along the ground into the corner of the net. The Tiger's defence was badly caught out by the speed and accuracy of Falconer's move and it was just the sort of goal that should have won the tie.

THE TEAMS

Police: Tsang Kai-wing; Leung Ying-fai, Tsang Shek-hong; Hughes, Lai Wai, Wakefield; Tam Chung-sing, Moss, Au Chi-yin, Lo Shui-lun, Yuen Yui-lam.

Army: Granger; Casey, Wells; Wingfield, Frazer, Stevens; Nash, Reeves, Bennett, Hogben, Chase.

FLYING MORTENSEN—BUT HUNGARY HAS THE BALL



England centre-forward Stanley Mortensen (No. 9) flies over Hungary's goalkeeper, G. Grosics, seen hugging the ball on the ground, in the England v. Hungary soccer match at Wembley.—Reuterphoto.

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Prono Position.—Japan, 584 pts; Hongkong 587 pts.
Kneeling Position.—Japan 520 pts; Hongkong 440 pts.

Standing Position.—Japan 440 pts; Hongkong 339 pts.
Total, Japan 1,553 pts; Hongkong 1,367 pts.

2nd Event, Prono Position.—Japan 767 pts; Hongkong 774 pts.

3rd Event, Individual Prono.—J. K. Okabe (Japan) 188 pts; 2. William K. Y. Eu (Hongkong) 185 pts; 3. H. Souza (Hongkong) 184 pts.

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Sailings from Europe			
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Queen Sees Bermuda Triplets



Her Majesty the Queen shows great interest in triplets held by nurses from the Children's Hospital at the Dockyard at Mangrove Bay, during the royal visit to Bermuda. With the Queen is the Governor, Lieut-General Sir Alexander Hood.—Central Press.

Neutral Switzerland Has Created 36-Ship Mercantile Fleet

Berne, Dec. 2.

Neutral Switzerland has created a 36-ship national merchant fleet designed to assure her essential overseas supply lines in case of a third world war.

A full maritime code for the new fleet was approved by the Federal Assembly on September 23, and will come into force on January 1, 1954.

The code, which is in the form of a Federal Law, places all Swiss shipping under the supervision of the Federal Council, Switzerland's semi-permanent Cabinet.

The Federal Council may take any measures it considers necessary to ensure that use of the Swiss flag at sea does not compromise the security and neutrality of the Confederation. The Council is empowered to commandeer any Swiss vessel in the interests of the "economic defence" of the country.

Conditions for registering an ocean-going ship as Swiss, with right to fly the Swiss flag, are extremely rigorous. They were designed to prevent the neutrality of vessels flying the Swiss flag being contested by belligerents in any future war.

MAIN CONDITIONS

Among the main conditions are that the owners must be Swiss and have their head office in Switzerland. All shareholders in an owning company must be Swiss and at least three-quarters of them, representing three-quarters of the total capital, must be resident in Switzerland.

Basic to the main Swiss port on the Rhine, is the only port of registration for Swiss ocean-going ships. The name of the city may be painted on the stern in any one of the three national languages—Basel, Biele or Basilea. Penal offences committed on board Swiss ships anywhere in the world must be referred to the Cantonal Tribunal of Basel City.

The 107-article code lays down that the Federal Council will take all necessary measures to surmount the major remaining difficulty in the way of forming a 100 per cent Swiss Merchant Navy: that of manning the ships with Swiss nationals.

1,000 SEAMEN

About 1,000 men sail under the Swiss flag at present, but only some 25 per cent of them are Swiss nationals.

Swiss shipping companies, with the encouragement of the Federal authorities, are working to train more men to be deep-sea sailors. The Government wishes not only to man the fleet with Swiss as a safeguard against troubled times but also to create new jobs for young men who cannot find work in their crowded home land.

The Swiss flag made its first appearance at sea during 1941 on a few ships hastily bought by the Government when the war put an end to charter arrangements with Greek and Yugoslav lines. A makeshift maritime code, now to be replaced by the new law, was drawn up in a few weeks to meet the emergency.

Creation of a merchant fleet then remained the only hope of salvation for the land-locked Confederation, largely dependent on imports for its food and raw materials.

During the First World War, the traditional Swiss policy of chartering foreign ships to ply under their own national flag came near to failure.

In 1917 available tonnage became very rare and Germany

at first refused to give safe conduct to the few United States vessels still carrying supplies for Switzerland.

But the warning was not needed during the prosperous inter-war years.

The fleet which was founded in the emergency of 1941 has grown into one of the most modern and best equipped in the world. The Federal Council, believing in quality not quantity, considers it big enough at 200,000 tons to supply the country in case of need.

Twenty of the 36 ships were built after 1918. Twelve vessels have been added to the fleet, more than doubling its tonnage, since the outbreak of war in Korea in 1950, when the Federal Council extended special loans to Swiss shipowners to build or buy more ships.

Today the Swiss Merchant Navy consists of 21 cargo ships (all over 6,500 tons), 12 coasters, two oil tankers and one tanker specially fitted for carrying wine.—China Mail Special.

Limbless German Climbs World's Highest Volcano

Buenos Aires, Dec. 6.

Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel, a 37-year-old German air ace who lost a leg in the last war, will shortly try to climb again what he claims to be the highest volcano in the world.

His reason is that when he first climbed it six months ago, he found some archaeological remains just under the 6,920 metres high crater. And he wants to discover what they are and how they got there.

Rudel, who since the war has been employed by the Argentine Government as a technical adviser on aviation, recently came back into the public eye when he returned to Germany to run as a Nationalist candidate in the September elections.

He was disqualified by the electoral board because of his residence in Argentina. In May this year, despite his physical disability, he led an expedition to the top of Llullaillaco, a massive extinct volcano rising to 6,920 metres above sea level on Argentina's frontier with Chile. Ten previous expeditions had failed where he succeeded.

With his two companions, Karl Morgen and Rolf Dangl, he marched 70 kilometres (about 40 miles) from the railhead at Mina Casanilla, through snow and ice and with the wind blowing in gusts of 120 kilometres (about 72 miles) an hour.

NO WORRY

His missing leg did not worry him unduly. "The danger of frost bite was reduced by half," he explained. Instead of using the usual mule team, the German expedition worked their equipment up to the 4,500 metres level on a tractor.

On the way down from the crater, Rudel became separated from his companions when he fell into a ravine and it was two days before he turned up at the base camp.

But the journey which began as an adventure ended in an archaeological find. Only 120 metres (about 300 feet) below the crater of Llullaillaco, Rudel and his co-explorers found two circular stone walls 1.30 metres high and 10 metres in diameter.

A third incomplete circle stood nearby. What surprised the men most, however, was the presence of a big tree trunk laid close to one of the circles.

"How the thing got there," Rudel commented, "is the biggest mystery. The nearest forests are 100 kilometres (60 miles) away."

Argentine archaeologists doubted Rudel's belief that these walls were ancient tombs, but they were unable to explain them. So Rudel is setting out again at the end of November to find out.

Whatever the walls are, they present a first-class puzzle. At an altitude of nearly 7,000 metres, man can hardly breathe, let alone move large stones about.

President Peron has placed at Rudel's disposal for his new expedition, porters, tractors and mules to carry up the pickaxes and other digging equipment which they will need.

Two cameramen will join the expedition to record its findings. Before setting out, Rudel said that he was convinced that the walls were tombs because it was the practice of the ancient Andean Indians to bury their chiefs as close to the sun as they could.

Besides temperatures which drop to 20 degrees Centigrade (4 degrees Fahrenheit) below zero even in summer, the expedition will have to fight the dread "mal de puna"—the mountain sickness which afflicts even the hardest among the Andean heights and, if too prolonged, according to local lore, drives one "mad".—China Mail Special.

U.S. BANK THROWS LIGHT ON THE STERLING AREA'S DOLLAR POSITION

N.Y. STOCK

MARKET REVIEW

New York, Dec. 6.

The big news of the stock market was a sharp pickup during the last week to the highest level since Sept. 18.

Prices struggled up the slippery part of the mountain and made a bit of progress. The going is rough at the point, according to the experts, because many who have profits meant to realize them.

This is one retardant to profit-taking, however, and this is said to have saved the day for the bulls in the past week. It is the fact that income taxes decline on January 1, many are said to be waiting for the lower rate to take the profits on their stocks.

HIGHEST GRADE

This situation plus a growing investment demand for the highest grade issues carried the industrial average to a new high since March 20 and utilities to a top since March 30. The rally again was the lagged but on Tuesday they set a new average high since August 26.

Utilities outshone the other major departments by rising within a reaction of their 22-year high set last March 13th. Utilities companies not only look for good business in 1954 they plan to expand their facilities.

The industrial average gained 2.46 points on the week, while the utilities gained 0.5 point; utilities gained 1.07 points.

Sales for the week totalled 8,524,793 shares, against 6,027,030 shares last week. The daily average rose to 1,704,958 daily average rose to 1,704,958 shares.

SIGNIFICANT

Market observers considered the rise in volume particularly significant. In the Friday session when prices were ending on week-end realising an evening-up operation, the transactions fell off sharply.

Some market men said the uptick represented the start of the traditional year-end rally. However, some further tax-sling is anticipated, and this might be irregularity, it was said.

A late feature was a reversal of the trend in tobacco issues which had been hammered down for various reasons, including some rumours denied stoutly by the tobacco companies.

Metals also had good market in several sessions after a long lull. American stocks were strong from time to time with several at new tops. Oils ruled strong in several sessions. Their strength reflected belief the companies would show fairly good profits in the fourth quarter.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$360,295. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

More light is thrown on the sterling area's dollar position in the current issue of National City Bank of New York's monthly bulletin.

According to this source the period of huge export balances in United States foreign trade is drawing to a close. Indeed, allowing for shipments paid for by American economic aid it is probable that for more than a year the United States has had a small adverse balance in its "cash trade." And this, as the bank points out, hasn't happened for a comparable period since the mid-thirties.

Reduction in United States export surplus with Western Europe has been due both to a decline in its commercial exports and to a rise in its purchases. In this, the bank says that a revival of production in Western Europe and growing availability of goods for domestic consumption and for export have played a most important part. Restrictions against dollar goods, deliberate efforts to turn to non-dollar sources of imports, retrenchment policies and more effective control of inflation have also been influential.

The United Kingdom has reaped its full share of this improvement in Western Europe's dollar position. In the first eight months of last year its adverse trade balance with the United States, excluding defence aid, was \$60 million. In the corresponding period of this year "the gap" was reduced to only two million dollars. In other words the United Kingdom has virtually balanced its direct trade with the United States.

IMPROVEMENT

General improvement in the world's supply of dollars is largely explained by a great increase in U.S. imports. In the first nine months of 1953 those reached an annual rate of 11 billion dollars which, if maintained for the rest of the year would slightly exceed the previous record set in 1951.

Those who fondly criticized "protectionist" policies of the United States might well ponder this and also the fact that the U.S. is spending some 58 per cent more dollars this year for foreign goods than in 1948. Nor has this been due simply to a rise in prices. American imports were a third higher by volume in the first eight months of 1953 than in the corresponding period of 1948.

Unfortunately for the sterling area, however, the exception to the general rise in volume of U.S. imports in the way of goods that earn it most dollars, United States import of raw materials, including such valuable sterling area dollar-earners as rubber, wool, textile fibres and cocoa, were one per cent lower by volume in the first eight months of this year than in the corresponding period of 1952 and five per cent above the 1948 level. This decline in imports took place, moreover, at a time when prices too were falling. As a result the value of U.S. raw material imports fell by 244 million dollars or 15 per cent between the first three quarters of 1952 and the like period of this year.

STERLING BALANCE

The fact that overseas sterling area nevertheless managed to increase its favourable balance with the U.S. by 11 million dollars in the first eight months of 1953 to 231 million dollars in the corresponding period of this year was entirely due to a reduction in its purchases from the U.S. A decline of 304 million dollars in these more than offset a reduction of 182 million dollars in its sales to the U.S.

Temporarily at least, the National City Bank observes the much talked of "dollar gap" has been eliminated. Indeed countries outside America have been accumulating dollars at a rate of two billion dollars a year. The question is: Will "the gap" stay permanently closed?

AID DECLINING

Certainly it is no time for complacency. United States foreign economic aid is declining, says the bank, and the outlook for long time continuance of U.S. military spending abroad is uncertain. American merchandise trade is meeting with increased competition both at home and in foreign markets. United States imports are tending to rise and barring an American business recession, which would reduce its purchases of foreign goods, this tendency seems likely to continue. American exports on the

Iranian Oil Not Urgent

London, Dec. 6.

British oil circles said today the world could use Iranian oil if production is resumed but no longer is crying for it.

Oil men pointed out today's resumption of relations was only the starting point for probably drawn-out talks about restarting the closed Iranian oil fields and the huge but decaying Abadan refinery.

But they debunked scare reports that Iran's 30,000,000-ton annual production would precipitate a world oil glut.

"Bringing Iran back into the oil market is just likely to take off the expected increase in world oil consumption," one British oil man said. Others voiced the same opinion generally, although with reservations.

"It is up to the ingenuity of the industry to co-ordinate and turning Persian production with increasing world demand," another said.—United Press.

Oil Fever In Australia

Sydney, Dec. 6.

The oil fever continued to spread throughout Australia today and further hectic trading in oil stocks was predicted for Monday when the Exchange reopens. Nothing has stopped Australia's oil fever since General Douglas MacArthur's arrival in Melbourne as the successful oil drilling in the Exmouth Gulf area in Western Australia.

Dennis Barker, a high official of the Anglo-Iranian oil Company, said here today, he believed that a large oil field is situated in Western Australia where the strike was made. Mr. Barker, who completed an inspection of the new 90-million-dollar oil refinery his company is building in Perth, Western Australia, departed for San Francisco today. He said the refinery would begin operation in 1954 handling oil from the Middle East, East Africa and probably from the new Western Australia oil field to San Francisco.—United Press.

Savoy Hotel Battle Grips Public Imagination

(By Our Own Correspondent)

It isn't often that the affairs of the Stock Exchange seize the imagination of the newspaper-reading population. But this week a new word was on everyone's lips. It was "take-over."

Not everyone who discussed the ethics of take-over bids—and there must have been millions of them—knew what the term meant or exactly what was involved. But what they did know was that something exciting was happening on the stock exchange and that it concerned the famous hotel, the Savoy.

The three-cornered struggle for the control of the Savoy group between Hugh Wontner, Chairman of the hotel's Board of Directors, Harold Samuel's Land Securities and Investment Trust, and Charles Clore's Prince's Investments, has been front-page news all the week.

When Mr. J. B. Lindon, QC, produced his report for the Board of Trade on recent heavy buying of Savoy shares, Mr. Samuel had already acquired 20 per cent of the Company's shares and Mr. Clore another seven per cent. They were then priced at 58s. 9d. after being 65s. 6d. earlier this year. Then the price began to move erratically. First they jumped to 60s., then slumped to 51s. 3d. By Friday's opening, they were back to 52s. 0d. They were a shilling cheaper later in the day, when it was announced that Mr. Clore, who now held 12 per cent of the Savoy shares, was selling out (reportedly for £220,000) to Mr. Samuel, whose stake in the Company, which in the meantime had grown to 25 per cent, has thus risen to 37 per cent.

ONE OUT

With one competitor out of the field, the shares dropped to 48s. 7 1/2d. where they now stand, 5s. 10 1/2d. down on the week.

But while this was going on, Hugh Wontner had not been idle. Knowing that the bidders for control of the Savoy group had their eye on the Company's Berkeley Hotel, which they proposed to convert into an office block, Mr. Wontner quietly formed a new Company—the Worcester Buildings Company—to acquire certain of the Company's freehold properties, including the Berkeley.

It is believed that the Savoy directors plan to set up a trust to hold the new company's £10,000 of one-shilling shares, thus putting the Berkeley beyond Mr. Samuel's control. The last word in the running fight is that Mr. Samuel is taking legal advice on the new situation.

TOKEN STRIKE

The rest of the week's dealings on Stock Exchange seemed dull by comparison.

The long-threatened token strike by the engineering trade unions who are seeking a 15 per cent wage increase left the industrial share prices generally undisturbed. But the investors received a sharp reminder that the wage demand in this vital industry is still unresolved.

On the wider economic front, news of an unexpectedly large rise in gold reserves during November cheered a dull gilt-edged market into momentary activity. But prices tended to drop again before the weekend. "Indication of the effect that Mr. Butler's recent warnings on exports has had on investors."

Cotton Trading Slackens

New York, Dec. 6.

Cotton-traders found the least resistance of the downside this week.

Ebbing gradually to the lowest levels in this month, the list at Friday's close was off 13 to 27 points, or 65 cents to \$1.35 a bale lower than the preceding week.

Persistent small-scale liquidation in the expiring December deliveries plus selling encouraged by smaller loan entries sharpened overall market sentiment.

Contributing factors on the declines included the lack of encouraging news from the export or textile fields, uncertainty as to how Congress will write farm legislation when it convenes in January, and California reports that the percentage of new crop cotton headed for the loan thus far is below earlier expectations.

DECEMBER

Trading in the nearby December deliveries will ease at 1800 GMT on December 14. The issuance and circulation of a small number of delivery notices brought scattered liquidation into spot month.

But around the \$2.00 cent level, observers saw indication of an underlying demand from mill interests and shippers.

Larger private crop estimate proved a hindrance to new buying interest. Anticipating the Government's final crop estimate of the season, recalculated for December 6, one private survey this week placed the field at 10,285,000 bales. This compared with the last Government figure of 10,063,000 bales and last year's production of 10,132,000 bales.—United Press.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Dec. 6.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 2, reads as follows:

Public deposits: £1,222,500,000

Private deposits: £1,222,500,000

Government securities: £1,222,500,000

Other securities: £1,222,500,000

Bank rate: 4 per cent

London Stock Market Review

London, Dec. 6.

Britain's "bull market" had a poor week, the Financial Times index closing at 127.5 compared with last week's 128.3; it is now nearly 3 per cent below the recent peak on November 3 of 131.5.

One factor certainly was the rising clash between the trade unions and the engineering industry. Also the fact that the newly issued share of the "Nationalized" that the issue price of 25 shillings instead of at the hoped-for premium of a shilling or more, suggested misgivings about the immediate future of heavy industries.

Vickers and Lancashire Cotton lost 10 1/2 pence, Dunlops and a good many others two shillings.

Savoy Hotel shares were the most active issue in the market. The shares fell 6 shillings 6 pence to 48 shillings. People who had expected that the would-be new owner of the company, Mr. Harold Samuel, would offer them 60 shillings per share decided he already had enough shares for effective control and hence was unlikely to make any offer.

Oil was struggling 6 pence, Dutch up 3 shillings 6 pence, Shell up 3 shillings 3 pence, both of these dividend hope—and Anglo-Iranian up one shilling 3 pence on improved diplomatic relations with Persia.

Another valiant effort to lift gold shares back into popularity came to naught this week. German Loan (Reich) lost about 1 1/2 sterling while the two Polish Loans lost 3 and 3 1/2 shillings. Japanese bonds closed mixed with fractional gains and losses. Dollar stocks closed several points higher than last week.—United Press.

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 6.

The Bank of France statement for week ended November 29, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings: 1,222,500,000

Total foreign currencies: 1,222,500,000

Reserve funds: 1,222,500,000

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Smelly Civic Politics The Subject Of The Week

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Dec. 4.

Civic politics are the news this week—and smelly old politics they are!

A week ago it was generally conceded that the State Labour Government would appoint a Royal Commissioner to probe the affairs of the City Council, but instead—out of the blue in a rushed night session—it brought down what is now known as a Gag Bill—a measure which prevents the press or individuals making allegations about the Council unless they have definite proof that will stand the light of a law court.

And as few people—other than parties concerned—can ever hope to have that sort of evidence—the Government very effectively has stifled criticisms of its own conduct.

But, each day now fresh charges of bribery and corruption are being made in the State Lower and Upper House and there are many who believe that eventually the hand of the Premier, Mr. Cahill, will be forced and he will order a Royal Commission.

If he doesn't City Council stocks in public opinion are going to be at a pretty low ebb for a long time to come! If he does, some rare old fireworks are likely.

THE ROYAL VISIT

And now for more cheerful subjects. Already we are preparing for the Queen who will arrive here on February 3. Trees in City parks are gradually becoming bedecked in electric light globes; painters are putting a little spirit and polish on city buildings and various committees in charge of decorations are meeting frequently.

The Christmas rush will cause plans to be temporarily put in the top drawer, but when the New Year dyes away the face of the city will rapidly change.

While the Queen is unlikely to get a welcome on a par with Panama, it is certain that Sydney will let its head go in one wild welcome. In fact, a Royal visit is badly needed to give this place a face-lift.

Footnote: If there is anything in this Council bribery talk it's a pity someone doesn't pass over some cash to have the streets of the Royal procession repaired. Most of them are in such a shocking state at the moment that it could easily become the Wildest Ride of the Tour.

UNEXPECTED TRIBUTE

A surprising thing happened this week... an overseas visitor praised our hotels.

This strange character is English fashion designer Teddy Tingling (the man who put the lace on Georgious Gussie's pants).

"Before I arrived I heard a lot of critical comment about your hotels and was expecting something pretty grim," he said.

"But I have found them quite comfortable, and got everything I want and no man can ask for more."

All we—and many other stunned Sydneysiders—can say is that Teddy must have struck the jackpot.

DOG REGIMENT

For the first time the Australian Army is to recruit a Dog Regiment and even mongrels will find a place in its ranks. The dogs will be used for special guard and patrol work. Dogs recruited will include mongrels for mine detection; Alsatians for guard duty and hunting dogs for patrols. The new unit will be called the Australian Dog Troop and will be under the control of a warrant officer who has just returned from a dog-handling course in Britain.

As some old soldiers remarked—How very much like the Army to have a dog handling course.

Three vet. surgeons operated on 25 cows in the South Coast district over the last few weeks to remove pieces of wire from their stomachs. They believe the wire was chopped up in the chaff fed to the cows.

These leggy men aren't all cold blooded characters which the public sometimes thinks. This week, one of them saved a soldier from a goat.

The soldiers interrupted the hearing of a divorce petition by his father-in-law by shouting out from the back of the court—"You did say it, you—!"

The judge promptly called him up, told him his conduct constituted contempt of court, and asked him why he shouldn't be sent to jail.

TRAINING FOR MERCHANT NAVY



Two of the young girl cadets who are among the 47 now under training with boy cadets at Dalren, for the Chinese Merchant Service.—London Express.

Chou En-Lai Lashes Out At US

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Korean and Chinese side has always been better than that stipulated in the Geneva Convention.

The US has charged that 38,000 UN prisoners and Korean civilians were killed in death marches and massacres or died from starvation and lack of medical care in North Korean POW camps.

But Chou charged that "the US Government is hard at work fabricating lies to confuse public opinion."

The Communist Chinese Government apparently attached great significance to Chou's lengthy statement; it was broadcast at an hour when Radio Peking is usually silent and was announced 30 minutes in advance in a special marces-cast bulletin from Peking.

ANGRY TRADE The Red Premier turned angrily against America in his tirade.

He repeated the Red charge that the US "waged inhuman germ warfare" and "cleared four other accusations against the American army."

1. "The American forces dropped millions of tons of bombs on the peaceful cities and villages of Korea."

2. Americans "used napalm and gas bombs for mass destruction."

3. "The American and Syngman Rhee forces slaughtered the Korean people in tens of thousands."

4. The US and South Korea "persecuted and murdered the Korean and Chinese POWs by the most savage and brutal means in the POW camps on Koje, Cheju and Pongmang Islands."

Premier Chou accused the US of using the United Nations to "maintain tension in the Far East and Asia."

He charged that America is attempting to delay the summation of the Korean peace conference and undermining the explanations to un-repatriated war prisoners.

By these tactics, Chou charged, the US plans "to stop the rearmament of Japan, to extend its network of military bases in Asia and to push forward the organization of an aggressor bloc in Asia."—United Press.

MR LYTTLETON ATTACKED

London, Dec. 6. In a violent attack on the British Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, former War Minister John Strachey said tonight that the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, would have to choose between retaining this minister or retaining the Commonwealth. "We cannot keep both," he added.

"Every speech by Mr. Lyttleton rests us a rebellion in a colony," Strachey said. "There are not enough curia in the British Navy or battalions in the British Army to undo the damage caused by this dangerous man."—France-Press.

What's His Line? Solution BUTCHER-BOY London Express Service

COURT ACTION STRUCK OUT

An action for a claim of deposits amounting to \$212,320.70 was struck out of the trial paper by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning when plaintiffs in the action failed to appear.

Plaintiffs were the New China Trading Company, of 15 Bonhom Strand West.

Defendants were the Lung Kee Hong (firm), merchants, of the same address, and Wong Chi-yuen, Keung Hock-shin, Keung Shok-chun and Chik Hin-ting, partners.

Mr. T. Shurlock who appeared for all the defendants, on the instructions of Mr. H. Caine, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, applied for the action to be struck out under Supreme Court Orders.

Counsel said that an indorsed writ was issued on October 26, 1950, and on November 18, 1950, an order was made that the defendants be given unconditional leave to defend the action and that there be mutual discovery within 14 days from the close of pleadings.

The Defence was filed on February 17, 1951, and there had been no discovery of documents by the plaintiffs, he added.

His Lordship made an order for the action to be struck out of the trial paper and for plaintiffs to pay all costs arising out of and incidental to and thrown away by their failure to appear.

Ailing Travellers One Russian and 11 stateless passengers all suffering from ailments were sent to the Russian Blood Hospital for treatment in two Fire Brigade ambulances immediately on their arrival here from Shanghai by the ss Pakhoi this morning.

They were Tamara Belokopytova, George Bragin, Helen Buznowska, Alla Limont, Lobanova, Julia Mihail, Alexander Mostevschikoff, Tatjana Nemtzeff, Jersey Stojnikowka, Boris Shevtzoff, Vera Matvichik and Alexander Yakounina.

They are en route to Sweden for resettlement.

LAST TRIP AS TROOPSHIP

The ss Captain Hobson arrived here this morning from the United Kingdom with replacement troops and a number of service families for Hongkong.

The Captain, Hobson, on charter to Government, completed her service as a troopship with her arrival this morning. She made one trip from here two months ago for the United Kingdom with troops who had completed their tour in Hongkong.

24-Hour Remand

Yip Kai-yuen, of 300, Main Street, West, was remanded this morning for 24 hours before Mr. Hing-shing Lo, having pleaded not guilty to a charge of using obscene language at Main Street West on December 5.

Church Dignitary Arrives

Dr. Charles Gough, well known church dignitary and pastor of the Chicago Temple in the city of Illinois, arrived here from Manila by the Pan American Mailer, Albatross, this morning in the course of a round the world tour. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gough.

Alleged Corruption And Conspiracy: This Morning's Evidence

Further evidence was given before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning by Prosecution witnesses who testified that they gave sums of money to the fifth accused before passing driving tests at the Kowloon Traffic Branch, when hearing of the case against seven men charged with corruption and conspiracy, was resumed.

In the dock were Chu Kwan-ye, 30, Police interpreter, attached to Kowloon City Police Station; Wong Kwong-cho, alias Wong Joe, 43, proprietor of the Kwong Wah Driving School; Yeung Kwok-hon, 32, proprietor of the Chung Wan Driving School; Mak Po-hon, 34, proprietor of the Po Kwong Driving School; Kwok Kam, alias Kwok Chi-kuen, 31, proprietor of the Nam Fong Driving School; Lee Lin-biu, 29, waiter, and Chung Lung, 23, driving instructor.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Hastings and Counsel, is representing the first and fifth accused, Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, is defending the second and sixth accused. The third and fourth are represented by Mr. R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr. Alfred Hong, while Mr. Francis H. B. Wong is appearing for the seventh accused.

Mr. D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. The accused were charged with conspiring with others not in custody between June 21 and August 17 this year to give money to Sub-Inspector R. G. Ibbison, formerly of the Kowloon Traffic Office, as a reward for preferential treatment to certain members of the public in passing them in their driving tests.

\$550 NEEDED

The first witness this morning was Kenneth Yosen Chan. He gave evidence that on July 7, he took a driving test at the Kowloon Traffic Office and failed. Subsequently, he went to see Kwok Kam (fifth accused), who told him that \$550 was needed if he wanted to pass his driving test.

Witness said he decided he was willing to pay provided he got an early date for the test, and provided he could pass the test.

Replying to a question by Crown Counsel, Chan said that when he paid the \$550 to Kwok, he understood that Kwok was to make the subsequent test easier for him. Kwok told him this.

On August 8, he went with Kwok to the Kowloon Traffic Office, and he passed the second driving test.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright, witness agreed that during the years after the Pacific War, he had heard that sometimes it was necessary for "squeeze" money to be paid to Police officers at the Traffic Office in order to pass driving tests.

TOOK LESSONS

Further questioned, he said he took some driving lessons from Kwok, and he considered fifth accused a competent and helpful driving instructor.

When he asked Kwok to whom the \$550 was to be paid, the accused said he could not tell him. Witness agreed that Kwok did not demand or press him to take the \$550. He agreed further that he was not sure who first brought up the question of paying this sum, Kwok or himself.

Mr. Wright asked witness if he could say that he passed his second test more easily than the first time. Chan replied he could say he felt more confident during the second test.

Questioned by Mr. Wong, witness said Inspector Ibbison, the Police testing officer, was very quiet in a normal way during the test, and he did not talk to him much. But during the second test, the Inspector helped him to start the car, and on one occasion remarked that his driving was quite good.

The next witness was Leung Kwong-lam, who testified he took a driving test and failed. Later he made arrangements with the fifth accused for driving lessons, and it was agreed that he would pay him \$400, apart from the tuition fees.

No further conversation took place between himself and the fifth accused, and he considered the \$400 as part of the tuition fees.

At this stage, Crown Counsel told the Court that he would apply to treat the witness as hostile. Mr. Wright objected to this application, saying that the witness had not shown any disposition to conceal anything. Counsel said he did not see any ground to treat him as hostile.

Mail Notices

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Japan, 6 p.m.	Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface	
Macao, 6 p.m.	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8	
By Air	
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 10 a.m.	Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.	
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Formosa, 11 a.m.	
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Radio-Hongkong

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